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## HONGKONG UNIVERSITY GRADUATE WINS SEAT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL

### Over Four Hundred Votes For Dr. A. M. Rodrigues

DR. ALBERTO MARIA RODRIGUES, M.B., B.S. (H.K. University), yesterday won the election for the vacant seat on the Urban Council securing 407 votes.

The other candidate, DR. ROBERTO ALEXANDRE DE CASTRO BASTO, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S., who was standing for re-election, secured 266 votes.

The election took place in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Altogether 682 persons eligible to vote attended the polling booths. Nine votes were declared invalid for various reasons.

Polling began promptly at 10 a.m. yesterday, and continued uninterruptedly until 6 p.m. Throughout the entire eight hours the Registrar presented a busy scene, there being a practically constant stream of voters in addition to a number of spectators interested in observing the election procedure.

Voters comprised people of many nationalities, and occupations, including many prominent men holding high public offices, lawyers, doctors, newspapermen, business executives, shopkeepers, clerks and others.

A prominent Legislative Councillor was one of the first to drop a ballot paper in the box.

The Presiding Officer at the election was the Registrar, Mr. L. R. Andrews, who was assisted by Mr. W. R. N. Andrews, Miss Grace Ezra and three clerks.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, who was proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D., seconded by Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., held three terms of office of three years each on the Urban Council, the last expiring a few weeks ago.

The successful candidate, Dr. Rodrigues, who was proposed by Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Snr., seconded by Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Downton, O.B.E., is a popular sportsman being prominent in cricket, tennis and badminton circles. He represented the Colony at hockey both against Malaya and Macao and appeared in many representative games. He is the youngest member of the Urban Council.

A British Library of Cultural Information has recently been established in Tokyo and British firms and residents are contributing generously to the library fund. Similar French and German institutions have been active in Japan for a number of years. (BWS).



Today is the first anniversary of the election of Pope Pius XII who was formerly Cardinal Pacelli.

## Mexican Oil Industry Conditions

### DRASTIC CHANGE INEVITABLE

MEXICO CITY, February 29 (Reuter).—A drastic change in the existing conditions of the Mexican oil industry is inevitable, otherwise Mexico would not be able to meet the indemnities to the expropriated foreign oil companies, announced President Cardenas at a conference with delegates of all sections of the industry.

President Cardenas declared that national economy would suffer a grave reverse unless his proposals were adopted.

He urged the delegates to fall in line with his ideas: that the oil industry could successfully be conducted without more employees than when it was taken over in 1938, and that all unnecessary hands, now on the pay-rolls through union or political influences, must be dismissed.

Revision of the administrative posts and salaries was an urgent necessity and the Republic must in future count on a full day's work from all labour.

Well-informed circles regard President Cardenas' statement as very significant and consider that it may possibly involve a serious change in the Government's policy and their labour and socialistic programmes.

## BRITISH S. ATLANTIC SQUADRON RE-ASSEMBLED NEAR THE PLATE: PENDING ENGAGEMENT RUMOURED

### COLD WAVE IN NORTH

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Following a period of spring-like weather, the city was hit by a cold wave today and there was a heavy fall of snow in the afternoon, most unusual for this time of the year.

The snowfall added further difficulties to the transport situation which is already most trying owing to the strike in the omnibus company.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Police has requested car owners to assist pedestrians with lifts wherever possible.

### WHO ARE THE MEN IN WANG'S NEW "GOVT."?

Who will live in the house that Wang built?

What manner of men has Japan chosen to head the puppet "central government" which she plans to set up?

Readers will find an analysis of the reported composition of this new "Cabinet" and the record of each of its members in today's leading article on Page 6.

## Nazi Anti-Aircraft Batteries' Passivity

SPECIAL TO H.K. Daily Press LONDON, Feb. 29 (Havas).—The Daily Express gives the following three reasons for the passivity of German anti-aircraft batteries during the recent British flights:

Firstly, the Germans are reluctant to reveal the exact position of their well-equipped anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights and to reserve them for the day when Britain launches massive air attacks against Germany.

Secondly, anti-aircraft guns would disturb work in the factories; and

Thirdly, the German authorities wish to avoid the moral effect which anti-aircraft fire would have on the population.

### COLONEL KERMIT ROOSEVELT

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The International Brigade to fight for Finland will be under the command of Colonel Kermit Roosevelt, who had been an officer in the British Army.

He is a naturalised British subject and participated in the last war.

Commenting on the appointment, Stockholm newspapers said that he is the ideal man for the post.

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## Hawkins Now In Outer Roads Of Montevideo

NEW YORK, FEB. 29 (REUTER).—RUMOURS OF A PENDING NAVAL ENGAGEMENT NEAR THE SOUTH AMERICAN COAST WERE REVIVED WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE BRITISH SOUTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON HAS BEEN RE-ASSEMBLED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER PLATE—THE SCENE OF THE GRAF SPEE ACTION—SAYS THE MONTEVIDEO CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES.

THE CORRESPONDENT ADDS THAT THE RUMOURS HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED BY THE MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH CRUISERS H.M.S. DORSETSHIRE AND H.M.S. HAWKINS.

The Dorsetshire requested permission to enter Montevideo for 24 hours on Tuesday. Food and oil were ordered and entertainment planned for the crew, but the cruiser did not appear.

## Five Days' Growth Of Beard

### U.S. ENVOY IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—After five days travelling on the road to Chungking, the United States Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, arrived here from Kunming early this afternoon in rough, travel-worn clothes, and with his face covered with five days' growth of beard.

The Ambassador's party, which included Major J. M. McHugh, Assistant Naval Attaché, Judge Milton J. Helmick of the United States Court for China and Mr. Johnson's secretary, was the first official group to travel over the new road linking Yunnan with Szechuen by Luichow since its opening on February 1.

Representatives of the Chinese Foreign Office, the staff of the United States Embassy and a large group of pressmen gathered at Taipeimen, south-east gate of Chungking, on the north bank of the Yangtze River, at noon today to await the arrival of Mr. Johnson.

## MEASURES TO CHECK FLOW OF "LOVE GIFTS"

THE HAGUE, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Measures to check the flow of "love gifts" leaving Holland for Germany have been adopted by the Dutch Government.

From tomorrow, packages of foodstuffs intended for abroad may not weigh more than three kilograms.

Only packages addressed from one private individual to another may be accepted by postal officials, thus "love gifts" sent by shops or firms will be refused.

### GAS EXPLOSION: 60 KILLED

SPECIAL TO H.K. Daily Press ROME, Feb. 29 (Havas).—Sixty miners were killed and over 100 injured in a gas explosion 620 feet below the surface in the Arsa coalfields, near Pola.

Darkness and gas considerably hindered rescue work and it is feared that the death toll may be higher.

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Mr. Arthur Sainsbury has sold the Grand National favourite, Syme, this, with all engagements, to Mr. Tom Westhead, former Liverpool book-maker who won the Cesarewitch with Punch in 1937.

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## JAPAN—U.S. TREATYLESS SITUATION

TOKYO, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, was asked in the Lower House today whether the Foreign Office would bow before the will of the United States in connexion with the present treatyless situation between Japan and the United States.

In reply, the Foreign Minister said: "Japan has nothing to fear even if the United States should oppose in toto the construction of the new order in East Asia and falling utterly to understand Japan's aims in China, or even if the United States should insist that their view of the matter should be accepted."

"But things have not come to such a pass," he added. He reiterated that he had no thought whatever of pursuing such a makeshift policy as negotiating for a modus vivendi to the Japanese-American trade pact on condition that the Yangtze was reopened to traffic.

### NAVAL ACTION OFF HOLLAND?

THE HAGUE, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Heavy gunfire was heard off the Dutch Coast at midnight and it is believed that a naval action was in progress.

The firing lasted an hour and the flashes from exploding shells were seen from the shore.

## CHAMBER OF SHIPPING PLEDGE CO-OPERATION IN PROSECUTION OF WAR

LONDON, FEB. 29 (REUTER).—THE CHAMBER OF SHIPPING HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN ITS OWN HOME, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY OF OVER 60 YEARS, WHEN IT MET TODAY IN THE NEW BUILDING IN ST. MARK AVENUE.

The President, Mr. Leslie Mann, paid tribute to the retiring President, Mr. Robertson Begg, for the mastery manner in which he led the industry during the strenuous first months of the war.

Sir Leighton Seagar declared that since the war began, losses suffered by shipping personnel were higher in percentage than those of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Lord Esmond proposed a resolution pledging the industry's co-operation in the prosecution of the war, and urging the Government to take steps to enable shipowners to maintain and expand the industry.

Lord Esmond said that they must have power to replenish their fleets with new ships and pointed out that the controlled rate for British ships from the River Plate was 43s. per ton while the rate paid to neutrals by the British Government for the same service was 130s.

He said that these figures indicated the benefits which foreign shipowners were obtaining and the need to be created with which to beat British owners in the future.

He urged that they should be allowed to make earnings sufficient to provide fully for replacements. The resolution was carried.

ADMIRATION EXPRESSED British Wireless adds that Sir Philip Haldin said, "On behalf of the owners of every class of vessel I take this opportunity of expressing our admiration of the masters, officers and seamen who today are serving in the real forefront of the war."

In this connexion it will be recalled that Mr. Churchill announced, in a recent speech, his intention to substantially expand the merchant navy.

## Arrow Shot Into No. 10

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—An arrow was shot from a bow through the window of No. 10 Downing Street, today. A piece of paper, which is believed to bear a message, was attached to the missile.

A man was arrested in connexion with the affair.

### AIR MINISTRY CASUALTY LIST

The Air Ministry casualty list No. 20 gives the following casualties on various dates:—

Five killed in action, two previously reported missing now reported killed in action, four missing believed killed in action, six missing, twelve killed on active service, thirteen died on active service. (BWS).

It was revealed at the annual meeting of the Bradford Dyers' Association that, whereas in 1914 Britain imported over 80 per cent. of colour required for textile trade, today, owing to the achievements of British organic chemical industry, British makers have been able to supply over 90 per cent. British needs, says British Wireless.

## FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN S. ANHWEI: RECAPTURE OF TENGHAI BY CHINESE

TUNKI, ANHWEI, Feb. 29 (Central).—Fighting has broken out in South Anhwei, near the South Kiangsu border. A Japanese force based at Kaoshun launched an attack on Sinhochwang, north of Hsuancheng, while another based at Wanchih, 23 miles south-east of Wuhu, attacked Jentsunwan nearby.

Between Feb. 18 and 25, several Japanese war vessels in the Yangtze River, in South Anhwei, have been damaged and sunk by Chinese shore batteries.

On Feb. 24, a number of Japanese pinnacles loaded with soldiers were attacked near Yingchiawei, below Kweichih. Four of the vessels were damaged, and over 100 Japanese were killed.

On Feb. 25, a Japanese transport was set afire near Tikang, northwest of Fanchang, while two other transports were shelled by the Chinese near Chihieh, near the Kiangsi border.

A Japanese warship was sunk by Chinese artillery near Hukow, 17 miles east of Kiukiang, on the same day. More than 200 Japanese were reported to have been killed.

TENGHAI RECAPTURED SHIHUANG, Feb. 29 (Central).—After five months' occupation by

the Japanese Tenghai, 12 miles north-east of Swatow, was recaptured by the Chinese in a smashing attack on the night of February 28.

The Japanese were defeated in an engagement outside the city. They fled into the city and closed the gates. Scaling the city walls, daring Chinese troops broke into the city. After suffering heavily in street fighting, the Japanese fled.

### ENTRY FORCED

Chinese plainclothes-men filtered into Sunwai city in the early hours of February 27 and set fire to Japanese military establishments. In the confusion Chinese troops outside the city launched an attack and forced an entry.

# ENTRIES FOR HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB'S FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

4, or 6.—Hongkong Handicap.—161  
(First or Second Section).—Win- 9 Entries.

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RUGBY: — International  
Scotland v. Wales (Club)  
p.m.

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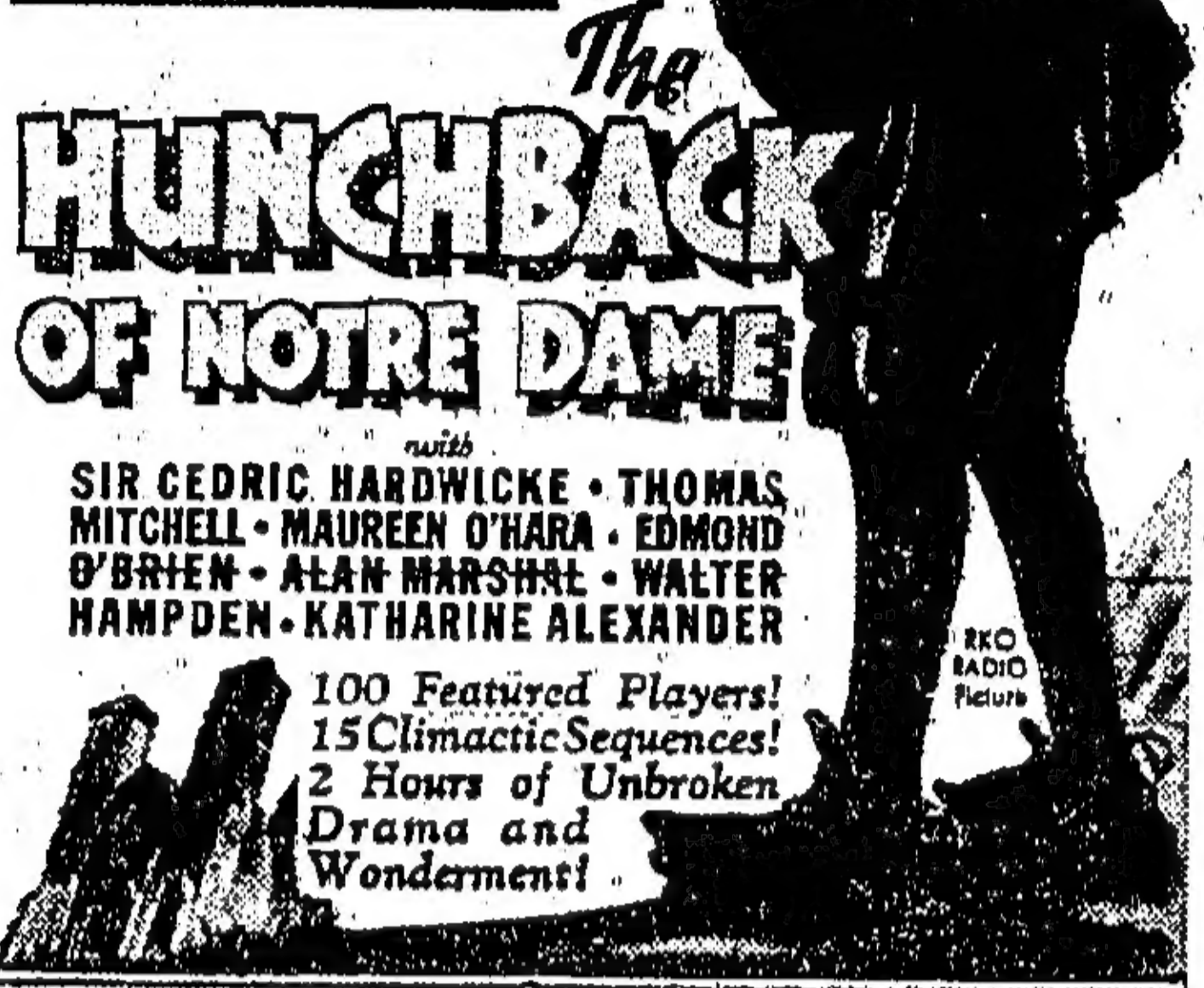
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## COMING EVENTS

MARCH

1—Tides: High 3.10 a.m. and 2.43 p.m. Low 7.35 a.m. and 10.10 p.m. Sunrise: 6.45 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m. First Anniversary of Election of Pope Pius XII.

St. David's Society, Annual Dinner and Dance, H.K. Hotel.

H.K.V.D.C. Sports Meet, Annual Ball, Peninsula Hotel.

Cheero Club, Dart, Table-Tennis, Billiards.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.; St. Andrew's (Medical), 10 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Swimming Pool opens; Women's Section "At Home," 10 a.m.—noon.

Helena May Inst., Christian Fellowship, 10.30 a.m.

Toc H, Chater Room, St. Andrew's, 6.45 p.m.

H.K. Benevolent Society, Annual Mtg. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 12 noon.

Sailors' Home and Seamen's Inst., Invitation Dance for Sailors, 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Hockey Umpires' Assn. Mtg., St. Andrew's Hall, 6 p.m.

Catholic Cathedral, "The Way of the Cross," 8.30 p.m.

2—Tides: High 4.52 a.m. and 3.57 p.m. Low 8.03 a.m. and 11.30 p.m. Sunrise: 6.45 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m. R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

H.E. the Governor opens extension of Tai Po Rural Home and Orphanage, 3.30 p.m.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote proceed to Fanling Lodge for the week-end.

Cottage Club, Paper Hunt, 3 p.m.

St. Mary's School Bazaar, No. 162, Austin Road, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

3—Tides: High 6.45 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Low 9.16 a.m. Sunrise: 6.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m. Macao Races.

Press Preview of Art Exhibition at St. John's Hall, 8.30 p.m.

St. Mary's School Bazaar, No. 162, Austin Road, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Hockey Interport Trial, Club Ground, 10.30 a.m.

4—Tides: High 8 a.m. and 6.25 p.m. Low 12.50 a.m. and 11.15 p.m. Sunrise: 6.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m.

Black-Out Exercises, Kowloon Residents' Assn., Annual Gen. Meeting.

H.K. Horticultural Society—Annual Show.

Referees' Assn. Monthly Mtg. Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.; Speaker: Mr. H. S. Stokes, "Football League."

Exhibition of Western and Chinese Paintings at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

6—Fourth H.K.V.D.C. Camp starts.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Show.

7—Chess Championship Continued.

St. Andrew's Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

8—A.A. Dance, Cheero Club, Jumble Sale, 2.30 p.m.

Referees' Assn. Whist Drive, Hotel Cecil.

H.K. Yorkshiremen's Society, Annual Dinner Dance, Gloucester Hotel.

9—Shield Soccer semi-final.

H.K. University Union, Annual Athletic Meeting, 1.30 p.m.

K.C.C. Presentation of Prizes, 9.15 p.m.

Bank of Canton, Annual Mtg., 3 p.m.



Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in a scene from "A Chump at Oxford," which opens at the King's Theatre tomorrow.

## Radio Programmes

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Welsh Programmes

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Musical Comedy Selections.

"The Millionaire Kid" — Selection (Mayday).

New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Ensembles.

"The Girl Friend" Vocal Gens (Rodgers).

Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Daly's Theatre—Waltz Memories (arr. Pentec).

Intro: A. Walls Dream; Gipsy Love; The Country Girl; The Merry Widow; The Cingalee; The Count of Luxembourg—Charles Prentice and His Orchestra.

"Wild Violets" — Vocal Gens (Sola).

Maria Elmer and Martin Kraemer of the State Opera, Dresden, with Chorus and Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 A Welsh Programme with Lella Megane (Contralto).

My Little Welsh Home (Songs of the Welsh Mountains)—William—Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.

The Leek—Selection (Middleton)—The London Palladium Orchestra.

Conducted by Richard O'Connell. David of the White Rock (arr. Osborne Roberts); The Little Thatched Cottage (arr. Osborne Roberts); Lella Megane (Contralto) with Piano.

Hyrtidol—Welsh Hymn: Cwn Rhonda—Welsh Hymn—Community Singing by 4,000 Voices. Leader: Geoffrey Shaw.

Olwen Mine (Cwys); Song of the Flood (Hirshthog and Prychaf)—William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp accompaniment.

1.30 Bentier and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Latest Variety.

Vocal—Oh! You Crazy Moon (Van Heusen, Burke); The Lamp is Low (De Rose and Others)—Connors, Roswell with Orchestra.

Piano—Evening in Paris (Young); Sunrise Serenade (Carle)—Patricia Roseborough. Vocal—Shine (Brown and Dabney); Basin Street Blues (Williams)—The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).

Instrumental—Hawaiian Rose—Medley; Hawaiian Love—Kane's Hawaiians. Vocal—Get On! Of Town (Cole Porter); I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker, Charles)—Frances Langford with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Schumann—Fantasia In C Major, Op. 17.

Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

6.30 Beethoven—Eleven Viennese Dances.

Felix Weingartner conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

8.45 "Palast"—From Secret Caves and Bowers—Toti Dal Monte (Soprano) with Orchestra.

"Rigoletto"—Woman Is Fickle—Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra.

"La Forza Dei Destini"—Peace, O God—Rose Fossele (Soprano) with Orchestra.

"Rigoletto"—The One Is As Fair As The Other—Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.

6.55 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 Programme of Welsh Songs.

The Blacksmith's Song (Hirshthog); The Frailty of Life (Hirshthog)—William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp accompaniment.

Maltraeth Dyke Welsh Folk Song; Wilt thou have a Lad like Me? (Welsh Folk Song); The Holly (Welsh Folk Song); Ploughing Song (Welsh Folk Song)—Mable Parry (Soprano) with Piano.

The Stars in Heaven are Bright (Trad.); She Must Be Mine (Trad.). Ben Morgan (Tenor) with Piano.

God Bless The Prince of Wales (Hughes and Richards); Land of My Fathers (James and James)—David Brazell (Bartone) with Orchestra.

A Welsh Carol; Springtime is Returning (Trad.); Over the Stone; The Ash Grove (Trad.)—Ben Morgan (Tenor) with Piano.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 Tcheikowsky—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64.

New Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir London Ronald.

8.45 Studio—Talk on Psychology by Father G. Byrne, S.J. 3: A Bore Interrupts Me.

8.58 The Royal Command Concert, 1939.

To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell-Davies)—Isobel Baillie, Eile Suddaby, Astra Desmond and Chorus.

The Cloud-Capt Towers (Stevens)—Massed Chorus cond. by Sir Hugh Allen.

Y Bore Glas—Welsh Folk Song—Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus.

Twankydllo—English Folk Song—

Robert Easton and English Chorus.

Edward (Party)—Mary Jarred and Massed Chorus.

Jerusalem (Party); National Anthem—Final verse—Massed Chorus.

8.45 London Relay—News Summary.

8.50 London Relay—"World Affairs."

8.55 Rhonda Welsh Glee Singers and Evan Williams (Tenor).

The March of the Men of Harlech (Old Welsh Air)—Rhonda Welsh Glee Singers with Piano.

Adieu To Dear Cambria—Old Welsh Song; Menta Gwên—Old Welsh Song—Evan Williams (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Along, Then There Eyes—Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

Vocal—No, No, No (Miller); Maria Tell Me (Miller); Max Miller with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Booby Booby Bo; Patty Cake, Patty Cake—The Six Swingers with Vocal Chorus by The Cavendish Three.

Vocal—The Man I Love (Gershwin); You Took Me Out Of This World (Vallee and Others)—Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.

Tango—Por Vos Yo Me Rompo Todo; Maria A Mano—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Vocal—Everything Happens to Me (from the film); At The Bathing Parade (film Everything happens to Me)—Max Miller with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Song of the Wanderer; South Rampart Street Parade—Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

Vocal—Love Is Where You Find It (Warren and Others); One-Two-Three O'Leary (Herman, Bishop)—The Andrews Sisters with Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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Full Bulletin ..... 8.00 p.m.

Transmission III—News Summary

Full Bulletin ..... 6.45 p.m.

Transmission IV—News Summary

Full Bulletin ..... 7.30 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary

Full Bulletin ..... 12.00 mid.

Transmission VI—News Summary

Full Bulletin ..... 12.00 night

Transmission VII—News Summary

Full Bulletin ..... 7.30 a.m.

Transmission VIII—News Summary

Full Bulletin ..... 8.30 a.m.

## SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

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**PREPARED TO TAKE THE RISK**

MONTREAL, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—Some 120 Canadian ship officers and seamen are being recruited by two United States oil companies to sail their tankers through belligerent waters, reports the Montreal Herald.

**HIGHER WAGES**  
Recruiting is said to have been revealed when officials of the Canadian Seamen's Union in Montreal admitted that they had been approached to obtain men. Wages 25 per cent. above normal are said to have been offered.

Recruiting in Canada results

**ARGENTINE STEEL FIRM BUYS GRAF SPEE WRECK**

MONTVIDEO, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—It was stated in shipping circles here yesterday that the wreck of the Graf Spee has been sold by the German authorities to an Argentine steel firm.

from the United States Government's restrictions on Americans trading in belligerent waters, the paper states.

**AEROPLANE FUEL**  
The companies concerned are said to be registering their vessels under the Norwegian and Panama flags in order to continue shipping the highest grade aeroplane fuel to Europe.

## PREMIER'S APPEAL TO FARMERS Home Production Of Food Must Be Stimulated

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—An appeal for stimulation of agricultural products was made by Mr. Chamberlain, in addressing the Chairmen of the County War Agricultural Executive Committee yesterday afternoon.

"We are turning the country into a huge armaments workshop, thereby placing a strain upon shipping which did not exist in peacetime," said the Premier.

The Premier declared: "Our shipping losses, though substantial, compare in trifling proportion to the volume of our shipping. It is necessary to adopt measures which add to their safety, but which are not, in themselves, economic."

**THE WAY OUT**  
In addition to the amount of shipping at our disposal, another limiting factor in importation is our resources in foreign exchange. The way out of the dilemma is to increase home production of food.

"Some venerable prophets of agriculture say that the Government's programme of two-million acres is much too low a figure, but two-million was chosen as the higher figure we thought was obtainable in the time."

The programme has been handicapped by weather, but it should still be possible to attain this programme if everybody puts his back into it."

The War Cabinet would be behind the farmers in their effort and the Premier said he had asked the Lord Privy Seal to identify himself personally with the campaign.

**DEFINITE ASSURANCE**  
Referring to reports that some farmers were hesitating to contract for sugar beet, because they were afraid there would be insufficient labour to deal with the crops, Mr. Chamberlain gave a definite assurance that the Government would take whatever steps were necessary to see that the crops, when grown, are harvested.

The Premier also gave an emphatic denial to any idea that farmers would be treated any worse than industrial factories.

There was a limit to the amount that can be spent in subsidies and it was essential to keep away from the vicious spiral in which prices and wages go chasing each other.

Regarding the position after the war, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the Government was determined, if they were still in office, that agriculture should not be allowed to collapse as it did last time.

## ITALY BANS JEWS FROM PROFESSION

ROME, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—From Mar. 1, Jews will be excluded from most professions, such as journalists, doctors, chemists, lawyers, accountants and engineers. Some of the exempted may offer their services solely to members of their own race.

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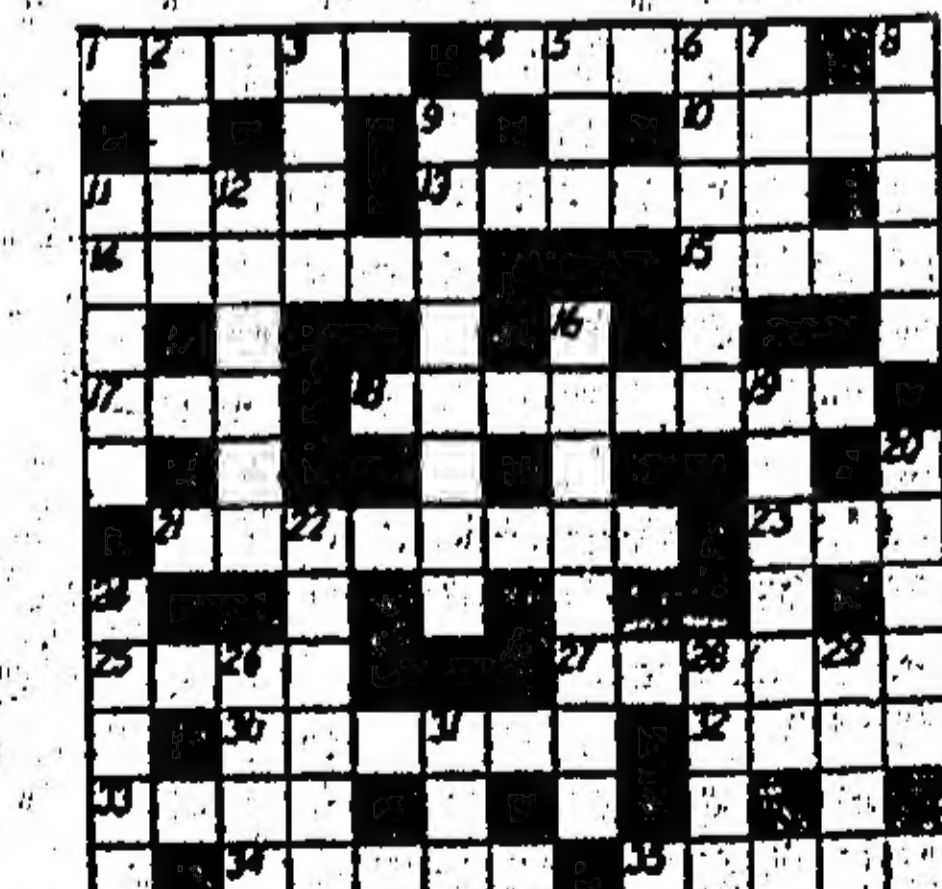
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## THE SPIRIT OF ROYAL NAVY

Striking Samples Given To Commons

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—Following Mr. Churchill's brilliant speech on the Navy Vote in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, gave members some details of the spirit of the Royal Navy.

### HIS MECCA

He told of one ship, which, before Christmas, was looking for the Deutschland. One night a light was seen on the horizon that might have been their quarry. Every man on board rushed to points of vantage.

A fifteen-year-old Maltese seaman, who was soaking in a hot bath at the time, rushed up as he was on to deck, where the temperature was around 20 degree Fah. He stood on the pom-pom deck to look at what to him, was the mecca of his dreams.

### CREWS RESPONSE

In another case, a warship put into port for repairs. She had 350 tons of ballast on board and this had to be moved.

The captain told that it would take 24 hours. The ship could not afford to wait that long, so the captain appealed to his crew. Led by the Chaplain, they got to work on the ballast and moved it all in 11 hours.

## GROWLING LESS, PURRING MORE

Nazi Attitude To U.S. Changes

PARIS, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's Personal European Observer, is now on his way to Berlin from Rome. He stopped over at Switzerland on Tuesday.

### NAZI PRESS & RADIO

On the eve of his arrival in Berlin, the German press and radio are whipping up a desperate anti-British campaign, trying to make out that peace is impossible while British terror remains.

Commenting on this, French newspapers are of the opinion that the German press has changed its tune towards the United States and are now growling less and purring more.

### CHEERED BY SWISS

ZURICH, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—Mr. Sumner Welles arrived here yesterday afternoon and was cheered in the station by a crowd of about 1,000 people.

He drove straight to his hotel and he will have no official contact with members of the Swiss Government during his stay here. He was expected to leave for Berlin this afternoon.

## VIGOROUS & CONFIDENT

PRESS COMMENT ON MR. CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—Mr. Churchill's Navy Vote speech on Tuesday was the subject of press comment as expected.

### NOT COMPLACENT

The Yorkshire Post says that the speech was vigorous and confident, but not for one moment complacent.

The Daily Telegraph stresses Mr. Churchill's remarks that he was wrong when he said that Germany was building two U-Boats a week. Germany may reach that figure in the future, but she had not done so up to the end of 1939, whereas we are maintaining our figure of destroying two to four a week.

### GRATITUDE TO NAVY

The Yorkshire Post, however, probably best sums up the opinions of the British press when it concludes its leading article by remarking: "No one can read Mr. Churchill's speech without feeling heartfelt gratitude to our sailors of every rank and grade. It is certain that we shall have much further cause for gratitude before the year is out."

## Less Whiskey Manufacture In Britain

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter)—The amount of whiskey and other potable spirits to be manufactured in Britain this year will be limited to one-third of last year's output. This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Minister of Food.

### CEREAL SHORTAGE

He explained that the restriction was due to the shortage of cereals and animal feeding stuffs.

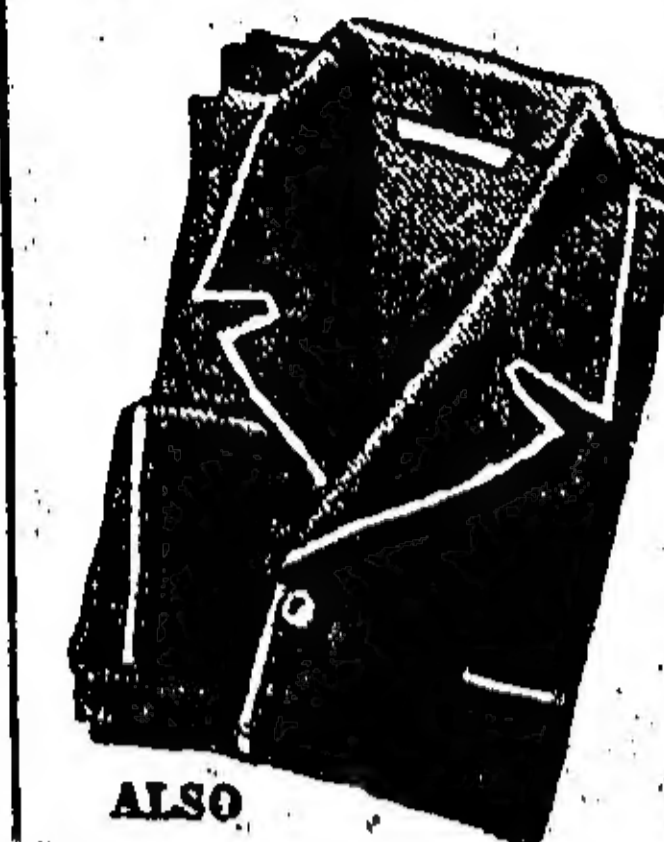
The supply of whiskey will not be affected for some years to come, because of the present large stocks, and prices will remain unchanged.

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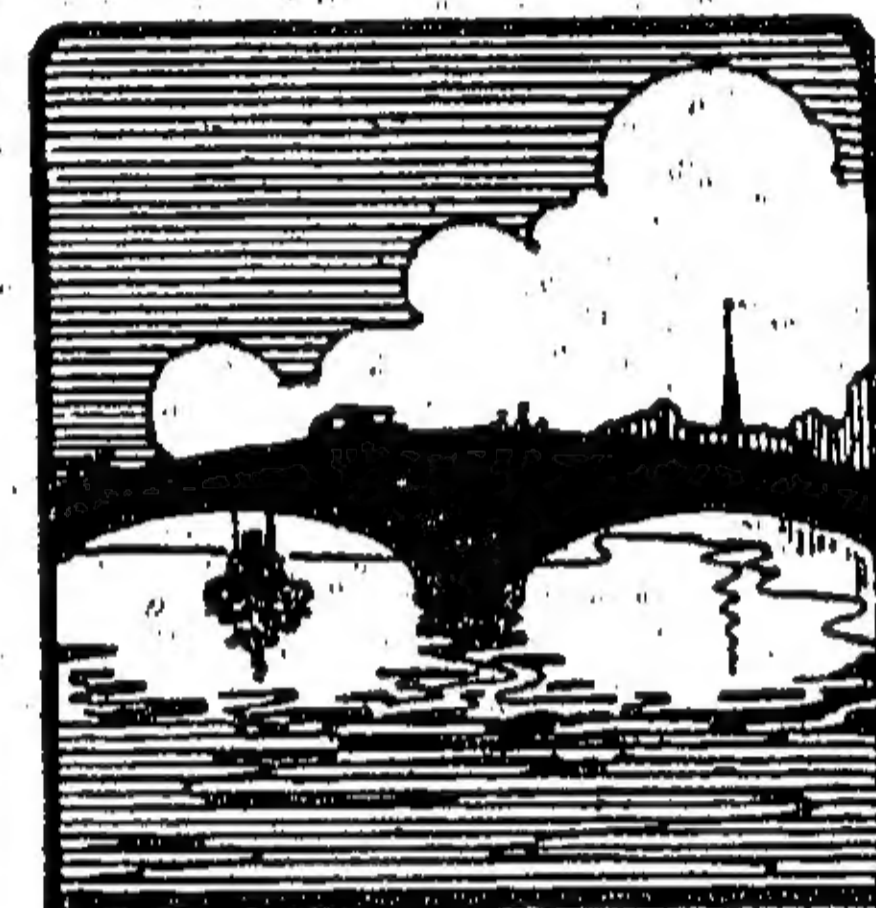
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# WEALTHY CATTLE DEALER BOUND AND GAGGED IN WEST POINT: ROBBERY CASE HEARD AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS

## Chinese P.C. Reprimanded By Mr. Justice Lindsay

The story of how a wealthy cattle dealer was robbed of about \$5,000 in money and jewellery after he and his family, about 15 persons in all, were bound with wire and gagged with oranges by an armed gang, was unfolded before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsay at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel.

Arraigned in the dock were WONG WAI, 23, cattle drover, YU LAM, 19, unemployed, CHEUNG CHI, 29, cook, CHEUNG WOOT, 34, vegetable gardener, and KONG CHAK, 23, unemployed.

They were charged with robbing Kong Chun-wah of \$3,200 in Hongkong currency, \$1,300 in Chinese money, three gold bangles, a gold pocket watch, gold and jade chain, three gold rings and a pair of diamond earrings. They also stood charged with robbing Chan Kwai of a wrist watch.

The robbery was alleged to have occurred at about 7 a.m. on Dec. 30 last at No. 56D, Belchers Street, Cheung Chi and Cheung Woot had pleaded guilty, while the other three were on trial.

Mr. Percy Chan, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the second defendant, Yu Lam.

The jury comprised Messrs. J. R. A. Fearn (Foreman), Chan Tak-sang, Mak Shi-ping, J. M. Walker, C. A. d'Assumpcao, A. E. Gutierrez and Muk Chak-sang.

Mr. Williams said that the Crown case was that the three men on trial, with the others, had agreed to rob Kong Chun-wah and that each had a share in the property. The victim lived at No. 56D, Belchers Street where he had his office and living quarters. He also had a safe in which he kept his money and jewellery.

### KEYS REMOVED

On the day in question he was asleep there with about 15 of his family when, about 7 o'clock in the morning, he was awakened by some men. He was then gagged and a towel was thrown over his face. The others in the room were similarly treated. The cattle dealer's person was searched, his safe keys removed and money and jewellery taken from the safe.

After the robbers left they met Wong Kan, a lorry driver, who had parked his vehicle at the junction of Belchers Street and North Street, waiting for hire. The first defendant happened to know Wong Kan and engaged his lorry to go to a house near the Central Theatre ostensibly to remove some furniture. When they were near the Tai Ping Theatre, however, far away from their original destination, the men jumped out of the lorry and ran down a side street. Before going, first defendant gave Wong a \$10 bank note.

Mr. Williams then related how on information received, the police arrested the accused men at various places and found certain sums of the stolen money. He also said that a search of the fourth accused yielded a \$100 bank note on his person.

### ACCUSED CHARGED

When the men were charged they made certain statements to the police. The statements made by the men on trial were as follows:

Wong Wai: "I did not go up to the floor. I was asked to stay at North Street. I got \$150 in Hongkong money and \$150 in Chinese currency."

Yu Lam: "I did this because I was forced to do so by circumstances. I merely followed the others."

Kong Chak: "I was forced to do this matter. I was not willing. I know nothing about the jewellery. Yu Lam paid me \$500. His intention was that I should not tell anyone. I was not present during the robbery."

About a fortnight later, at the Magistracy, the accused again made statements. The first defendant produced a notebook which was interesting because it contained the name of the fifth defendant. The second accused said he was in Macao and won money by gambling while the fifth said he was not there and was mistakenly identified.

### EVIDENCE CALLED

After Mr. K. A. Edmond, Superintendent of Police, had given evidence of the identification parade, Kong Chan-wah related how he had been robbed. He said there were only two men, while Kong Yu ping, another Crown witness said there were four robbers, one of whom carried a short firearm, while two carried knives. He was

not able to identify any of the men in the dock.

Lo Wing-wah also testified that four men entered the house. He too, with the others, was bound and gagged by having an orange stuffed into his mouth. A boy, Kong Sing-choy, was positive in his identification of the fifth defendant.

Wong Kan, the lorry driver, then told of his surprise at receiving \$10 for a fare for which he would normally have been paid only \$1 after which Shik Tui, Chief Chinese Detective of Yau-mat Police Station, denied the allegations made by the prisoners that they were beaten by the police. These allegations were also strongly denied by Sgt. Fraser.

### WITNESS REPRIMANDED

When P. C. C12, Ho Shu-fan, took the stand he gave his evidence in such an unsatisfactory manner, frequently contradicting himself that he was severely reprimanded by his Lordship. He eventually said that he went off duty at 6 p.m. and when on his way to Kennedy Town, an hour later, he received information and arrested the first defendant with whom he had been in conversation earlier that evening.

His Lordship said: "You have deliberately contradicted yourself and given false evidence," and, turning to one of the police officers, assisting with the prosecution, he added, "will you see that this man is reported."

After hearing the case for the Crown, his Lordship adjourned the hearing until Monday morning.

## FREEDOM FOR AGED MAN: GIVEN \$5

Kwok Shun, aged 71, who appeared on remand before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday charged with keeping an opium den and possession of opium and pipes, was discharged and was given \$5 from the Poor Box.

He appeared on Wednesday morning and had been persuaded to give the name of the owner of the den. He was offered his freedom and \$5 to start life anew if he would go with a police officer and point out the man who employed him.

At the Central Court yesterday Wong Yan, 35, unemployed, the master whom he had pointed out, walked into the dock while Kwok was allowed to go free.

## SPECIAL SERVICE FOR WELSH

On Sunday morning next, being the Sunday after Saint David's Day, a service of particular interest to Welsh people will be held in the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East (opposite the Royal Naval Hospital) at 10.15 a.m.

The preacher will be the Rev. P. E. Jones, B.Sc., a recent arrival in the Colony, and the hymns selected are well known traditional Welsh airs.

It is many years since a service of this nature was held in Hongkong, the last occasion being when the Rev. E. G. Powell, of the Union Church, was here.

## GLOUCESTER ROAD ROBBERY

Appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday charged with armed highway robbery, two unemployed men, Lai Shing, 29, and Li Fai, 22 were committed to the Criminal Sessions.

The defendants were alleged to have robbed Yu Mo ying, a servant employed at the China Fleet Club, on the staircase of No. 58, Gloucester Road on January.

## FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Chan Kai Kit, Clerk of the Government Store, residing at No. 508, Naham Road, ground floor, and Miss Wong Yook-ying, of No. 587, Reclamation Street, first floor;

Mr. Leung In-kwong, merchant, of No. 54 Feiho Street, and Miss Sing-kee, of No. 338 Leichikok Road.

## GERMANS FROM ASAMA MARU HANDED OVER

The Naval Intelligence Centre, H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong, issued the following statement to the press yesterday:

Early this morning B.M.S. Kanimbla arrived off Yokohama having on board nine German nationals taken from the Asama Maru.

These men were handed over to two officials from the Japanese Foreign Office in the presence of Captain D.N.C. Tunnell, D.S.C., the British Naval Attaché, Tokyo.

As soon as the formalities in connection with the handing over of the Germans was completed, B.M.S. Kanimbla sailed.

A Reuter message states that the British auxiliary cruiser Kanimbla (10,985 tons) arrived off Yokohama yesterday with the nine Germans taken from the Asama Maru who were handed back to the Japanese authorities.

Twenty-one Germans, all of whom are of military age, were taken off the Japanese liner about 35 miles from the coast of Japan.

Later, the Japanese Government protested to Britain over the matter. The Germans were sent ashore in a launch and taken to the Yokohama Harbour Master's office where their passports were examined.

About 50 Japanese cameramen and reporters were on the jetty but the Germans were not permitted to talk. The whole of the proceedings were carried out in a very orderly manner. It is understood that the Germans will be handed over by the Japanese to the German Consul-General at Yokohama and will later be accommodated at the new Grand Hotel.

## ALLEGED ASSAULT ON WATCHMAN

Four Sailors Found Not Guilty

Four seamen of the Royal Navy, who appeared on remand before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday, charged with assault on Lam Mau, watchman employed by the Gloucester Hotel, were found Not Guilty were discharged.

The men, F. Mallstones, G. R. Williams, R. D. Reader and K. Rogers, were alleged to have assaulted Lam Mau outside the Gloucester Hotel on Friday night.

Lam told the Court that the defendants attempted to enter a taxi which had been ordered for a party of customers. He prevented them from entering and was assaulted. He could not say which of the four men assaulted him.

TWO MEN RUNNING—An Indian constable said that he saw the first and second defendants running from the scene and the complainant was on the ground.

The third and fourth defendants were discharged at the conclusion of the prosecution's case, while Mallstones and Williams, who denied the charge and gave evidence, were also discharged.

## BIRTH CONTROL CHALLENGE

Mothering Sunday will be observed at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Sunday at 11 a.m. The sermon will be preached by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, B.A., F.R.G.S., the subject of which is "I challenge the opponents of Birth Control."

## COLONY HEALTH

Only one case of small-pox (from Kowloon) was notified to the Health Department on Wednesday. In addition to thirty-three cases of tuberculosis, three cases each of chicken-pox and diphtheria, and two cases each of measles and enteric fever.

## JUNK ROBBERY IN BRITISH WATERS

Four Men Gaoled At Sessions

The case in which four men stood charged in connexion with a robbery in British waters was concluded before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsay at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning. The first accused, Chan Wal, was sentenced to five years' hard labour and the others, Chu Tai, Kwok Lal and Wong Kam-shui to three years' hard labour each. The first defendant was charged with receiving stolen property and the others with robbery.

The jury returned unanimous verdicts of "guilty" against each of the accused. The verdicts were made without retiring.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, with the assistance of Detective Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham.

The jury comprised Messrs. W. J. Carroll (Foreman), U. Kiy-yiu, K. E. M. Caudron, S. A. Rehman, Wal Mat-lok, A. R. de Pinna and J. G. Buil.

The complainant was Chan Ma-cheung. He was sailing his junk at Mak Mun on Nov. 18 with a cargo of wood oil, pigs and copper cents when his craft was robbed by five men from another boat, said Mr. Williams. Three of the robbers were armed, one with a rifle and two with revolvers.

### HERDED BELOW DECK

Chan and his men were herded below deck while the robbers transferred the cargo, the latter eventually departing on the appearance of another junk. His junk's sails were cut and the vessel was adrift when they were sighted by a steamer and brought to Hongkong.

Following evidence for the prosecution, first accused said he had not known that the goods he had sold had been stolen.

Second accused said he had not known what he had been arrested for.

Third accused admitted the offence and said he had done it because he had no food to eat.

Fourth accused also declared that he had been innocently accused.

## HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT PROFIT

The report of the directors of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., states that the net profit for the year, before providing for the amortisation of Crown Leases and the replacement of buildings by writing off depreciation amounts to \$1,372,012.77 which with \$588,638.08 brought forward from last year has been credited to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

This report will be presented at the general meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. at noon on Tuesday, March 12.

An interim dividend of \$1.25 per share absorbing \$375,000 has already been paid and after writing off \$28,200 from land and \$223,913.28 from buildings there remains a balance of \$1,333,537.57 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:

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To add to Special Repairs and Renewals Account	3,578.83
To pay a Bonus to Staff	10,000.00
To transfer to General Reserve Account	224,000.00
To carry forward unappropriated	645,958.74
	\$1,333,537.57

## H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council will be held at the Association's office on Monday, Mar. 4, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS: (1) Minutes of Council meeting No. 7; (2) Minutes of League Management Committee meetings No. 8 & 9; (3) Accounts; (4) Macao Interport; (5) Governor's Cup selection of team; (6) Selection of ground for Shield Final; (7) Selection of ground for International final; (8) Any other business.

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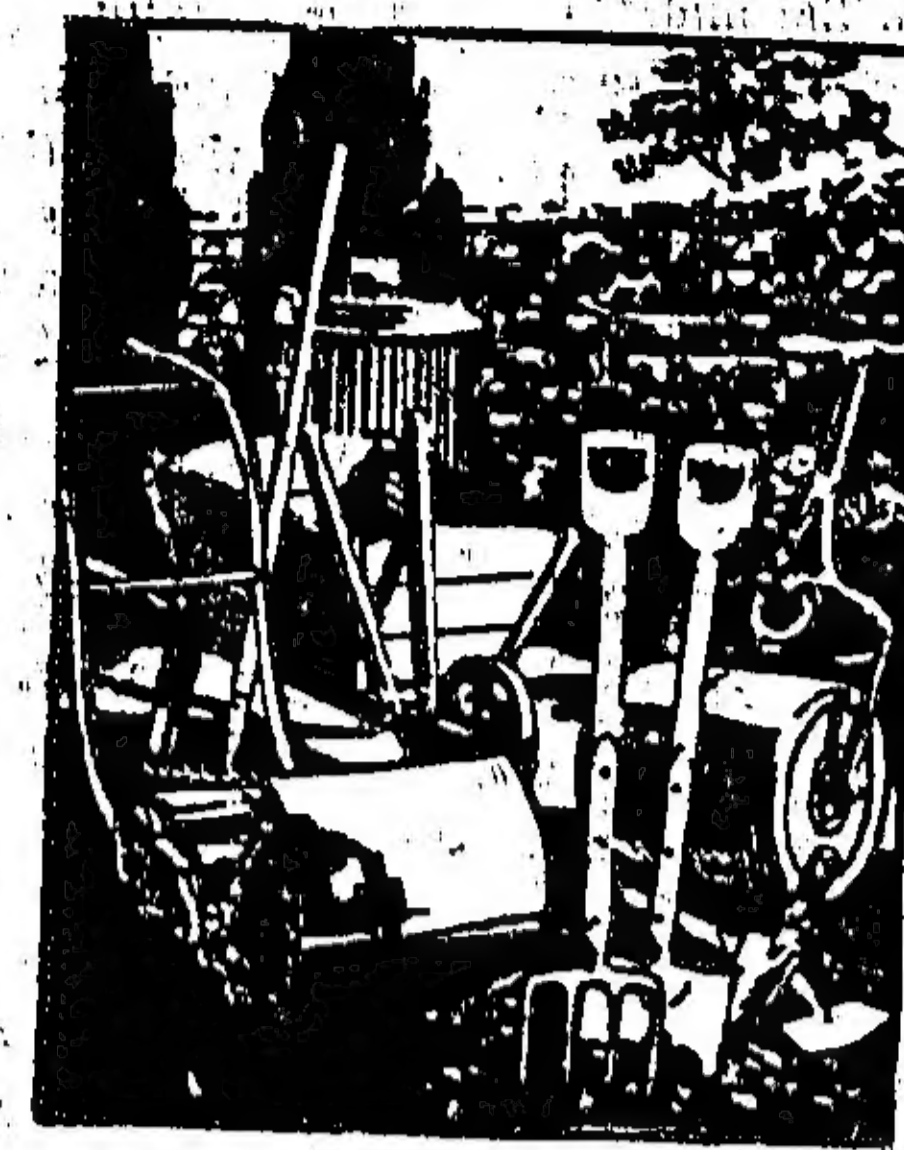
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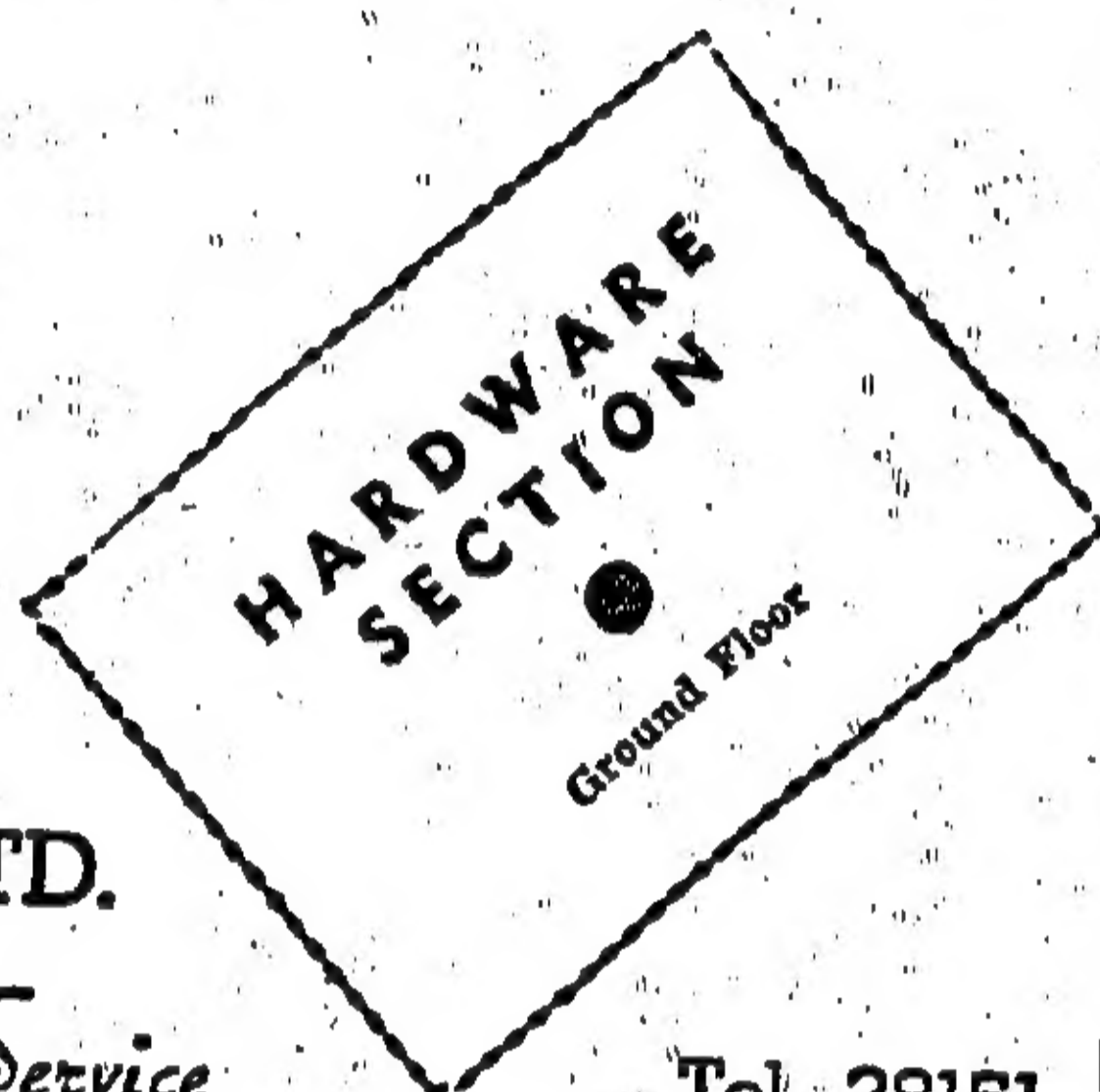
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**E. COCK,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 27th Feb. 1940.

**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**KAN TONG PO,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 26th Feb. 1940.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE

All persons having claims against the Estate of the late Mr. PAUL MARY HODGSON are requested to forward particulars of their claims to the undersigned on or before the 15th March, 1940.

Dated 29th February, 1940.  
**TS' O & HODGSON,**  
Solicitors,  
Prince's Building,  
5, Ice House Street.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsai, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.**

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 3767	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3767	La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsai, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2740.	As per sale plan	6,000	4,000
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## HONG KONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1939, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 28th February, 1940, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**V. M. GRAYBURN,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 28th Feb. 1940.

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

## G. R. ANNUAL NAVAL CONTRACTS.

Scaled tenders are invited for the following contracts covering the period 1st April, 1940, to 31st March, 1941—

Labour & Lighterage for Admiralty Coaling.  
Timber & Timber Materials.  
Making Overalls.  
Oxygen Gas.  
Carbonic Acid Gas.  
Ammonia Gas.  
Acetylene Gas.  
Glass Sheet.  
Supply & Repair of Bamboo Sunblinds.  
Upholstery Work.  
Dyeing & Dry-Cleaning.  
Washing.  
Paraffin, Ordinary Quality.  
Mineral Tar.

2. Forms of tender may be obtained until 5th March, 1940, on application to the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard, by whom quotations will be received until noon on the dates specified on individual tenders.

3. The right is reserved of declining the whole or any portion of any tenders and of accepting any portion of a tender.

## NOTICE

Clearing Sale of DEMON COOKERS and HEATERS (Kerosene). Apply to Sander, Wieler & Co., in Liquidation, King's Building, 2nd Floor.

**MARRIAGE**  
MACKAY—COSMIL—On Feb. 15, 1940, at the British Consulate-General, Chungking, Madeleine Nicolette Cosmil, to Iver Edward Lavers Mackay.

**DEATHS**  
RINGER—On Friday, Feb. 23, 1940, Frederick Erasmus Edward Ringer, at his home in Nagasaki.

**WALLAS**—On Feb. 7, 1940, at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, California, Alexander Graham, aged 57, beloved husband of Jean Macdonald Wallas, and late Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs.

**HUNTER**—Called Home on Saturday, Feb. 10, 1940, at Kulling, Kiangsi, Miss Annie Sophia Hunter, in her 80th year; more than 30 years missionary in the district of Shaoh, Kiangsi, from Surrey Chapel, Norwich, England.

**DA CRUZ**—On Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1940, at the Shanghai General Hospital, Filomeno (Cheeky) Maria Da Cruz, Jr., aged 24 years, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. da Cruz, Sr.

**GULSTON**—On Feb. 21, 1940, at Kulling, Mary, widow of the late F. W. K. Gulston, and loving mother of Harold and Phyllis Gulston, Evelyn Comery and Grace Griffith, aged 84 years.

## Newsettes

There will be an Invitation Dance For Sailors in King George's Hall, Sallor's Home and Seamen's Institute today at 8.30 p.m.

A General Committee Meeting of the R.A.O.B. Club, will be held on Mar. 14 at 7.40 p.m. and will be followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting at 8 p.m.

The Annual Physical Training display of the Central British School will take place in the School Grounds on Friday, March 15, commencing at 6 p.m.

Col. A. C. Murre, of the Indian Medical Service, has been appointed Honorary Physician to H. M. the King. (Reuter).

Over £250,000 will be spent on education in Britain in the next financial year. This is an increase of £235,000 over previous years. (Reuter)

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## Wang's New "Government"

THE SHANGHAI "TA MEI WAN PAO" claims that, after a year of delay, Wang Ching-wei's puppet "Central Government" is to be inaugurated on March 10. We doubt it. Too many "definite" dates have been set before, and each time the plan has miscarried. Moreover, it has been uncertain at times whether the Japanese really wanted to commit themselves to the support of such a baseless structure, or have been attempting to use the threat of its establishment as a lever to induce the Central Government (without quotation marks) to talk peace. Recent pronouncements from Tokyo have given strength to the latter supposition. If the puppet regime is, after all to be set up, on March 10 or some other date, it is because this speculation has irrevocably failed.

THE LIST of cabinet members given by the Shanghai paper is very interesting. If accurate, it indicates that while Wang has come to some agreement with the Liang Hung-chih puppet show in Nanking, the Northern "Provisional Government," and its Japanese backers, are still obdurate.

THE ARCH-TRAITOR Wang Ching-wei will be President of the Executive Yuan, and, to ensure that every wish of his Japanese backers is smoothly carried out, concurrently Minister of Foreign Affairs. The sinecure of President of the Legislative Yuan will go to Liang Hung-chih, now head of the Nanking "Reformed Government." Wang Ching-wei men will have all the key Ministries, with the notable exceptions of those of War and Interior, for the first of which Jen Yuan-tao, a member of the "Reformed Government" has been nominated. The solitary importation from Peiping is the notorious Anfuite swindler Wang I-tang, a tool of Japan for twenty years. He, gentle touch, will rule over the civil service as President of the Examination Yuan.

LET US LOOK into the personal records of the holders of the individual posts, apart from those mentioned above.

**JUDICIAL YUAN** (sinecure): Chen Kung-po, a member of Wang Ching-wei's clique and an accomplice in his flight from Chungking.

**CONTROL YUAN** (sinecure): Wen Tsung-yao, an old diplomatic official discharged from the service years ago for corruption, "Minister of Foreign Affairs" in the Nanking Regime.

**DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL:** Liu Yu-fen, a Hopedi militarist who once served as a divisional commander under Feng Yu-shiang but has lived in retirement since 1930.

**INTERIOR:** Chen Chun, now holding the same post in Nanking.

**FINANCE:** Chow Fu-hai, a fugitive from Chungking at the same time as Wang Ching-wei, with independent connections with the Japanese Foreign Office. Chow Fu-hai is a political adventurer with a long history in the Kuomintang and has big ambitions.

**JUSTICE:** Loh Ting-kuei, a Professor, once member of Carson Chang's Chinese National Socialist Party.

**COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:** Chao Shu-yung, publisher of the puppet "Shun Pao" (distinct from the patriotic "Shun Pao" of Shanghai and Hongkong).

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Chu Ching-lai, a Professor of the

## ENJOYABLE CONCERT AT UNIVERSITY

A very enjoyable concert was given by members of the St. John's Hall Music Club in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University last night. The purpose of the concert was to raise funds for the British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China.

There was a large attendance, including Lady Northcote, Sir Robert Ho Tung, The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mr. John Whyant, Prof. K. H. Digby, Mr. George She and others.

The orchestra, which in its finish and quality of tone was a revelation, was composed of nearly all members of the St. John's Hall, reinforced by seven others, and was directed by Mr. J. R. M. Smith.

## THE PROGRAMME

1. Overture "Norma," V. Bellini, The orchestra.
2. Menuetto (fr. 4th symphony) Haydn, The orchestra.
3. Sonata for viola and piano in G minor Henry Eccles, Viola Mr. Chau Fu-wei, Piano Mr. J. R. M. Smith.
4. Hungarian Dances No. 5 and 6, J. Brahms, The orchestra.
5. Spanish March "Amparito Roca," J. Texidor.
6. Piano Duo: "Overture to Zampa," Herold, Mr. J. R. M. Smith and Mr. Au Wai Man.
7. Finale (fr. 5th symphony), Haydn, The orchestra.
8. Tales from the Vienna Woods, J. Strauss, The orchestra.

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE COLONY

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, there were altogether 77 traffic accidents as the result of which 3 persons were killed and 24 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, two Chinese children, aged 9 & 10, were knocked down and killed by a private car and a bus respectively, while crossing the carriageway, and a Chinese boy, age 12, died from injuries received on falling off a moving lorry.

Of persons injured, 17 were pedestrians, who were crossing the carriageway and were struck by vehicles.

Of 77 accidents, 35 were collisions between vehicles; 25 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 17 accidents were due to other causes.

Shanghai Law School and close connection of Chow Fu-hai.

**PUBLICITY:** Lin Pai-sheng, publisher of Wang Ching-wei's Hongkong organ, the "South China Daily News," victim of the patriotic assassination attempt on Queen's Road some months ago.

**RAILWAYS:** Mei Shih-ping, a follower of Chow Fu-hai and Wang Ching-wei.

**OVERSEAS AFFAIRS:** Chen Chun-pu, brother of Wang Ching-wei's wife, Chen Pi-chun, who comes from Singapore.

**HEALTH:** Miss Tseng Cheng, sister of Wang's follower Tseng Chung-ming, assassinated at Hanol.

**SOCIAL AFFAIRS** (Secret Police): Ting Mo-chun, once a member of the Shanghai Kuomintang, closer to Chow Fu-hai than to Wang, is chief of Wang's terrorist squads in Shanghai. Future Mayor of Nanking?

**AGRICULTURE AND MINING:** Wang Man-yun, Shanghai politician and gangster.

Chu Min-yi, a follower of Wang Ching-wei, holds the politically important post of Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan. Future Mayor of Shanghai?

**EVERY MAN** in the new "Government" has sold his country. The whole is so composed, that the Japanese can, if necessary, apply pressure at several points to maintain the balance of power and their own supremacy. Exhumed political corpses like Liang, Jen, Wen and Wang I-tang, bankrupt militarists like Liu Yu-fen, ambitious traitors of the type of Wang and Chou, Wang's cousins and in-laws—truly a fitting crew for the building of the "New Order," the cynical and hopeless farce that the rulers of Japan are building on the blood of a brother people and of thousands of Japan's own sons.

## IMPERSONATING POLICE OFFICER ALLEGED

## Unemployed Indian In Court

Proceedings against Channan Singh, 27, unemployed, charged with impersonating a police officer at a grocery shop in Castle Peak Road on February 25, and with having, on five other occasions, impersonated a police officer, were commenced at Kowloon Court before Mr. Q. A. A. MacLachlan yesterday.

The first witness called, was Ip Cheung, master of a grocery store at No. 361, Castle Peak Road, ground floor. He stated that about seven o'clock last Sunday evening he was in the store when defendant entered and inquired the price of tinned milk.

On being told the price, defendant proceeded to look about the shop and remarked that witness dog did not have a muzzle. He asked to see witness' dog licence, explaining that he was a plain-clothes inspector of police.

Defendant continued to ask about other licences, and asked to see witness' shop licence and wireless licence. Defendant then wanted to go to the back of the shop and told witness he would summons him for breaches of his various licences.

Witness then went to the telephone and rang up Shamshipo Police Station, inquiring as to whether a man had been authorised to come to his shop and examine his licences. Two constables were sent to investigate and they arrested defendant on witness identifying him.

It was learned later, the officer prosecuting stated, that defendant had on the same day entered six shops, in each case stating he was a police officer.

The hearing was adjourned.

## B.W.O.F. LEAP YEAR BALL SUCCESS

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lay Northcote, the Leap Year Supper Ball and Cabaret held at the Gloucester Hotel last night in aid of the British War Organisation Fund was an outstanding success.

Lady Northcote graced the function with her presence.

The cabaret numbers were very well executed and were warmly applauded. The "Song-Waltz," featuring Miss Jean Greig, assisted by Misses Peggie Scotcher, Peggy Stoneman, Joan Old, Irene Artush, Joan Pennell and Lara Tesar was specially appealing, while Mr. Erich Porjes was as popular as ever at the piano.

Prof. Labrum and his performing horse (Lt.-Com. J. C. M. Grenham and W. A. Simpson) provided a very humorous feature of an extremely entertaining programme.

## TRINIDAD'S AID TO BRITISH RED CROSS SOC.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (BWS)—Another £1,000 is being cabled to the London headquarters of the British Red Cross Society from the Trinidad and Tobago branch. This is the colonists' third contribution of £1,000 apart from considerable sums spent in buying material for working parties to make garments and hospital supplies. Since the formation of the Trinidad and Tobago Branch last July over £8,000 has been subscribed by the people of the Colony besides two ambulances which have been presented by the Chinese community.

## DEATH OF CAPT. H. W. WALKER

Capt. Henry Walter Walker, who was master of a Canton river boat for many years, and who died at the Matilda Hospital, The Peak, was buried at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday evening. The Rev. Charles Strong, Chaplain of the Seamen's Institute, officiated at the graveside.

The deceased, who was 73 years of age, leave a widow. Both have resided in Hongkong for 45 years.

A Bridge and Mah Jong Drive in aid of the M. C. L. will be held at the Peak Club on Monday, Mar. 4. All particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Gen. Secretary, Mrs. Womack 461, The Peak. Play will commence at 3 p.m. and Mr. Grassett has very kindly promised to present the prizes.

# GREAT BATTLE RAGES FOR DESERTED VIBORG

## Russians And Finns Bring Up Fresh Reinforcements

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—A great battle for deserted and shell-wrecked Viborg has been raging all yesterday.

While the Finnish artillery is pounding the Russians round the Bay of Viborg, their newly-arrived foreign warplanes have been making intensive bombing raids on the Russian lines. Bombs dropped on the ice hurled tanks, guns and men into the icy waters beneath.

Because of the more easily defended nature of the ground, experts in Helsinki have little doubt that the Finnish Forces in Viborg will continue to hold out.

Last night showed a considerable rise in the temperature, which gives hopes that bad weather may come to hamper the Soviet onslaught.

### REINFORCEMENTS

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Fighting in Finland is heaviest in the Viborg area at the moment. One report says that the Soviets have brought two fresh Soviet divisions up into action.

They made a terrific attempt to reach Viborg but the Finns say that they are firmly entrenched in the position taken up a week ago.

The Finns too have brought up reinforcements, some of them being foreign volunteers. Soviet claims to have taken more positions are denied and it is added that, on the contrary, the Russians have suffered heavy losses.

The loss of the fortresses of Kotivies does not seem to have made much difference to the Finnish position so far. There are as yet no signs that the fortress, which was dismantled before they withdrew, is being used against the Finnish defences.

### AIR ACTIVITY

Soviet bombing on Tuesday decreased somewhat. Hangover was again the chief object of attack, but so far only one casualty is reported.

Meanwhile, Finnish aeroplanes are busy and are reported to have attacked a Soviet air base and munitions dump far behind the Soviet lines.

### CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The Finnish radio announced yesterday that the first Canadian Volunteers have arrived in Finland.

### PRESIDENT'S RELATIVE

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Major Kermit Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, and a relative of the present President, has

# JEW & ARAB VOLUNTEERS FOR B.E.F.

## FIRST BATCH TO ARRIVE IN FRANCE

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The first batch of men from Palestine to form part of the British Expeditionary Force, arrived at a French port yesterday, telephones Reuter's correspondent with the B. E. F.

### ALL VOLUNTEERS

They consist of about 700, all volunteers, about 75 per cent. being Jews and the rest Arabs, and will be attached to the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps to work on communication as unskilled labourers.

### C-IN-C. OF HOME

Reuter's correspondent, "Somewhere in France," says that General Sir Walter Kirke, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, has arrived at General Headquarters to inspect the British Zone.

# "Defence Of National Economy" In Turkey

Special to H.K. Daily Press ANKARA, Feb. 29 (Havas).—The "Defence of National Economy" Bill just promulgated aims at the protection and adaptation of Turkish economy to the war conditions in Europe.

Henceforth, the Government is empowered to take special measures to supervise the consumption and increase in industrial production to prevent speculation.

A permanent inter-ministerial Committee has been entrusted with the enforcement of such measures.

### LABOUR SYSTEM

Among the first steps is a decree establishing compulsory labour system in the coal and fuel industry districts.

A special bank will be created and its main object is to finance the Government's purchases of stocks of coal, coke and other products.

Another aim of the Government's action is to alleviate the crisis prevailing in the coal-mining industry.

### ANKARA DENIAL

Special to H.K. Daily Press ANKARA, Feb. 29 (Havas).—Officials here deny that all Turkish steamers on the high seas or in foreign ports have been ordered to return home immediately.

# U.S. Plan To Combat The Forces Of Autarchy From Gaining Post-War Control

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, STATED THAT CONVERSATIONS WERE UNDER WAY BETWEEN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD IN THE INTEREST OF PREVENTING THE FORCES OF AUTARCHY, REGIMENTATION AND TOTALITARIANISM FROM GAINING CONTROL AFTER THE END OF THE WAR.

Mr. Hull revealed that copies of his recent statements concerning contacts with neutrals, with a view to establishing better world order after the war, had been sent to all American representatives abroad, so that they could bring them to the attention of the governments to which they were accredited.

Mr. Hull said that the action was taken with a view to making preparations for post-war adjustments, economic and military, and emphasised that the conversations had nothing to do with conditions during the war.

PEACE AND STABILITY  
Mr. Hull said that if the forces of peace and stability—especially the economic forces—were not organised preparatory to the transition and reconstruction period after the war, the forces of autarchy, regimentation and totalitarianism would, probably have, the same tendency they had after the World War.

This tendency was to spread their practices on the ever-narrowing and more disastrous basis through interested areas in the world with much worse destructive efforts than followed a similar policy after ten years of the post-war period.

# Wily Nazi Methods Exposed

## Food Parcels Racket

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—It is understood in London that the authorities in Rumania, Yugoslavia and the Netherlands will take steps to stop the wholesale depletion of stocks of foodstuffs in certain areas in their respective countries by parcel remittances to Germany, arising from activities of a concern known as the Fortra Corporation in the United States, which, for example, charges \$3 for a parcel of foodstuffs, which can be bought in Holland and sent to Germany for a little more than \$3.

PROFIT FOR NAZIS  
The Corporation thus apparently makes a profit of \$5 on each parcel and this balance is at the disposal of the Germans.

It is suggested in some quarters that a large trade between Germany and Sweden is being released to Swedish firms, who make purchases with them in Spain and ship goods to Sweden.

The British authorities, however, are said to be viewing the situation without undue concern.

# HITLER'S PEACE PLAN REPORT

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Havas).—Herr Hitler will soon be resuming his peace offensive on a large-scale, the well-known weekly "People" declares in a sensational report.

According to the journal, Herr Hitler will suggest to Mr. Sumner Welles that "under certain circumstances" Germany may become quite moderate and stop at less than was officially stated to be her conditions, viz. retaining her European conquests and regaining her colonies.

Herr Hitler will also suggest that as soon as the war is over in Western Europe, Germany will break her ties with Russia as the "Germano-Russian Pact was merely an expedient" and might even take the strongest attitude against the Soviet.

# PANAMA CANAL DEFENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—A resolution is being submitted to the congress by Mr. Francis Case, (South Dakota), authorising the President to enter into negotiations for the purchase of islands round the American Continent belonging to a European power in connection with the defence of the Panama Canal.

# LABOUR PROTEST

The regulations were announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who said that the text of the regulations had been sent to the League Council, together with a memorandum, in case any member of the Council wanted to ask for a meeting to discuss the matter.

# Japanese Plans To Monopolise Central China Exports

OSAKA, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The Japanese authorities in Central China have taken steps to restrict, or absolutely prohibit, shipment of certain materials produced in the occupied areas of China to Shanghai, or elsewhere outside the occupied zone, on the ground that they are important for military purposes, it is learned by the Municipal Industrial Department here.

This policy is said to aim at securing an adequate supply of Chinese staple materials required by Japan.

# LIST OF MATERIALS

The materials listed include iron materials of all kinds, copper, brass, tin, wares, coal, hemp (ramie), raw cotton, hides, leather, vegetable oils, bristles and tea.

In addition to establishing special firms to buy and export to Japan these products, special treatment in the handling of such restricted, or prohibited, articles has been accorded to a number of important Japanese concerns.

# UNCLAIMED TELEGRAM

The following, unclaimed telegram is lying at Cable & Wireless Ltd., Hongkong Branch: Newman, Repulse Bay Hotel from Swatow.

# NEGOTIATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF QUESTIONS AT ISSUE IN SHANGHAI: STATEMENT IN COMMONS

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Mr. B. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that, following the signing of a modus vivendi for policing the Outside Roads in Shanghai, the Japanese Consul-General had issued a communique declaring that the Japanese authorities were ready to resume negotiations as regards the policing of Hongkew and other areas to the north of Soochow Creek.

Mr. Butler continued: "Conversations are, in fact, to be resumed between the two parties and it is hoped that these negotiations will lead to a settlement of other questions at issue concerning the Municipal Council's jurisdiction in these areas."

### JAPANESE INTENTION

"The latest reports indicate that the crime situation is still very bad in the Western Extra-settlement District, but the Japanese authorities have expressed their intention of doing away with a number of gambling houses and dens of vice to which the disorderly conditions in this district are chiefly due."

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne (Con.) asked: "Will Mr. Butler express the appreciation of this country to the Japanese for the definite action contemplated and press them, if possible, to get on with the work?"

Mr. Butler replied: "I will see that the expression of appreciation is passed forward, and the work pressed as he desires to Tokyo."

# RETURN TO WORK

Two thousand coolies of the Public Works Department, who went on strike, returned to work though negotiations on their demands are being continued.

The striking Wing On Textile Company workers are being paid off as the company is being re-organised.

# No Buses In Shanghai Settlement

## TWO THOUSAND MEN ON STRIKE

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The International Settlement was without buses this morning owing to a strike in the China General Omnibus Company. Almost all the employees, numbering 2,000, were affected.

The strikers' demands include increased rice allowance. Negotiations are going on, while a strong force of police is on the central premises.

Labour trouble in the city spread yesterday when several hundred more Public Works Department workers joined the 2,000 who went on strike on Monday.

# CHINA WAR NEWS

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Many Japanese and puppet soldiers lost their lives in the ensuing street battle. The Chinese later withdrew safely.

Chinese troops staged a raid at Chashan in Tunkun district on February 23 in dim moonlight. The Japanese put up feeble resistance and retreated. The Chinese captured Yuen Ho-ju and Yuen Yung, so-called chairman and vice-chairman of the peace maintenance committee, and over 200 Japanese rifles.

SOUTH KWANGSI FRONT ON THE SOUTH KWANGSI FRONT, Feb. 29 (Central).—Owing to rain, quiet prevailed on the South Kwangsi front; yesterday, the Japanese at Santung on the Nanning-Pinyang highway were closely watched by the Chinese.

Chinese troops waylaid a Japanese transport corps at Yimshetung on the Nanning-Yamchow highway on February 25. About 160 Japanese were killed and ten Japanese army lorries wrecked.

# JAPANESE REVERSE

CHENGCHOW, Feb. 29 (Central).—A Japanese detachment was waylaid by the Chinese near Yuehsansan, near Po Ai, terminus of the Taokow-Chingphua Railway in North Honan, a few days ago, suffering casualties. Later, reinforced the Japanese attacked Yuehsansan, but were thrown back.

# JAPANESE DISASTER

WANYANG, HONAN, Feb. 29 (Central).—A Japanese drive toward Lo-shan, east of Sinyang, in South Honan, has resulted in a disaster.

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# GOEBBELISMS! "War Of Life And Death" ... "Fuehrer's Command" ... "A Victorious End" ... Etc.

BERLIN, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Addressing a meeting at Muenster, Dr. Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, declared that the German nation was now united for the first time in history. The very existence of a United German Nation had been regarded as a challenge by the plutocratic powers of the west.

The German nation is well aware that the present war is a war of life or death.

"Escapes are not possible yet. We know our own means very well, but we also know our opponents means."

"WE DON'T CARE"  
"We don't care if our opponents base their judgment of Germany on the opinion of Jewish refugees, nor if they make mad war aims with a view to the utter destruction of the German nation," he declared.

Their efforts to swerve Germany by propaganda will be as futile as their efforts to swerve it by a blockade. Germany had rendered that blockade for the greater part, ineffectual.

THE BEST EVER  
Dr. Goebbels said that the German military organisation was the best that ever existed. It was determined and able, at the Fuehrer's command, to bring the war to a victorious end. Every German was determined to stake everything to bring the struggle to a successful conclusion.

"We are well aware what would happen to us if it should be possible to defeat us, he said

Dealing with neutrals, Dr. Goebbels said that unlike Mr. Churchill, Germany did not demand their active assistance in the war, but Germany would not tolerate a definition of neutrality which refers to military, but not political, neutrality.

Germany cannot allow an obvious difference between the neutrality of a state and the neutrality of its public opinion. The right of freedom of opinion must not be misused in neutral countries.

# League Authority Flouted, Says Major Attlee

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The High Commissioner for Palestine has issued regulations for certain areas covering the transfer of land. The rules provide for two zones.

In the first, the transfer of land to anyone who is not a Palestinian Arab is prohibited generally. The other zone limits sales of land already held by Palestinian Arabs. They will not be allowed to transfer such land to non-Palestinian Arabs without the High Commissioner's permission.

This will be granted only in special circumstances, such as for schemes of irrigation or development, which are in the joint interests both Arabs and Jews.

Major C. R. Attlee (Labour Leader) protested against this "handling of the matter. It disregarded the Council. The Government was flouting the League's authority."

# GOVERNMENT REPLY

Mr. MacDonald denied that the Government was disregarding the League. The matter could be discussed by the League if the Council felt it was necessary. In view of the prevailing conditions, there was practical objection to setting out the regulations in draft form and suspending all action until the League considered them.

# MIURA - FRANKLIN "AGREEMENT"

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—Out of the blue, the Dome News Agency announced this evening that the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Y. Miura, and the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, will sign an agreement at 4 p.m. today "providing for the restoration of normal conditions" in the Settlement areas to the north of Soochow Creek, namely, Hongkew and Yangteepoo, which have been under Japanese military occupation since 1937.

The announcement took Shanghai completely by surprise and aroused speculation as to how far-reaching was the agreement—whether it means the re-assumption of full control by the Municipal Police, with the withdrawal of Japanese sentries, or only fuller district control.

enable them to meet such competition.

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**THE NEW HOUSECOAT**  
— but it comes down to breakfast with equal distinction. A go-ahead relative of your old friend the dressing gown, housecoats make the first real fashion change-over of the war.

ONE OF LONDON'S BEST KNOWN DRESSMAKERS took his autumn collection for a tour of the provinces. He found Englishwomen have made up their minds—elegant dresses are out of the wartime picture. He said: "Women will not dress up in the evenings—not in even the most simple dinner frock. What they want are housecoats."

And there you have the key to the fashion picture this winter—housecoats, housecoats, and more housecoats.

HOUSECOATS, or even worse, hostess gowns, as they sometimes get called, sound high-flying for you and me. But a description of my call-it-what-you-like would take three lines of type, starting off with breakfast robe through tea gown into evening wrap.

ONE OF THE SMARTEST is made mainly of soft navy blue woolen. The front part of the bodice and the neat collar are scalloped on in cyclamen wool. The waist is small, the skirt full, and a ripp fastener closes it down the front. And if you haven't deserted evening frocks entirely, it would make a fine evening coat over a cyclamen dress.

**FASHION'S FADS AND FANCIES**

WARTIME is having its effect on the work of fashion designers. Among latest novelties is the "identity" frock, which introduces the wearer's name and address in the form of a gold-plated necktie.

DESPITE difficulties confronting them, French women continue to dress as attractively as possible.

In line, there is little of everything—belts, coats with accentuated skirt fullness in loose pleats, though rather than flares full-length loose swing-back styles, completely straight waistless coats, fastening down the central-front and hugging the hips. Although strictly tailored clothes have fairly long straight jackets, there are many more dressy afternoon suits which exploit the ever-youthful bolero; sometimes, it is a separate jacket and at other times it is cut in to the front of a one-piece frock, which contrasts color, such as black and rose, fuchsia and blue and black and brown.

ONE of the most striking new notes is introduced in the high-sleeved top effect, achieved either by circular cut of

by gathers in the finer and more fluff fabrics.

THERE are already many loose baggy "mutton" sleeves, in either full wrist length, or stopping at the elbows; their tops vary with every designer, and great originality crops out in the method of their peaks and darts.

Another promising sleeve is banded tightly at the hand; these occur in the informal dinner dress which replaced the dressier affair, with its long sash by way of a black decolletage, and this type of evening dress is banded high at the neck, a fashion which dies hard.

PARISIAN dressmakers show both short and long sleeves with their new clothes. The gay makraklin gloves, trimmed with coral kid bands, are smart. Matching gloves and scarves in pale or vivid pastels are a great success for wear with black costumes.

THE "MILE-HIGH" silhouette is very fashionable and consists of ultra slender evening dresses, fitting like one's skin, with rather high waistlines and a froth of fullness at the feet.

**Round The Shops**

CHEERFULNESS, CHARM AND CHIC are the striking notes in the Spring Fashion displays of the modiste shops in Hongkong this week. The whole range of feminine requirements for outdoor and indoor wear to please every woman's particular whim and taste exudes that "spring is in the air" feeling—whether they be hats, morning and afternoon frocks or evening wear.

Shipping difficulties owing to war conditions certainly do not appear to have prevented the Colony's millinery establishments from procuring the best and latest models and styles from the fashion dictators overseas and even now, more stocks are on the way out to Hongkong.

**Spring Hats:**

Hats for the spring season are featured in Lane, Crawford's display this week. "Feminine interest in headgear in the Ladies' Salon here will be enhanced by the attractive Ann Sheridan models offered their customers. These hats, designed in wine, black and white straws, have a special appeal to which women will soon succumb, for their neatness and style are pleasingly noteworthy. Apart from this particular model, Lane, Crawford's have a variety of other styles in black and dark shades with high crowns and brims—with or without veils. A really wonderful selection and at the most reasonable prices.

**New Millinery:**

The latest spring and summer models in millinery is the keynote of what Mayo's, in the Arcade, are offering their customers, and latest is correct, for the greater part of their goods on display have only just arrived from fashion designers abroad. Turned out in the most delightful styles, these spring and summer models are available in a variety of colours—from sombre shades to bright and cheery hues to delight and gladden every fancy. No round of visits to the city shops will be complete without a call at Mayo's.

**Fashions For All:**

Rivelle, in the Arcade, will have a pleasant surprise for her customers early next week—for "Fashion's Latest" is due to arrive at her establishment. This shipment will contain spring and summer goods of every design and variety—the latest in evening and day dresses, exquisite in their creation and tailoring style and hats and accessories to match and add those delightful finishing touches to the fashionable attire of the woman of today. Rivelle is particular about her choice of goods and this characteristic has been born of a wide experience in always pleasing her customers. Her new goods will, therefore, be something to look forward to and no one can possibly be disappointed with what she has selected.

**Hats & Snoods:**

The house for hats—Reme, on the second floor of the Asia Life Building—is also awaiting the arrival next week of her new goods from abroad for the spring season. Worthy of special mention in this shipment are her new hats and snoods—models designed by the most expert hands in cities which set the fashions for others to follow. In the meantime, Reme's re-modelling service is having a busy time—twisting and designing new shapes and styles in head gear for all ages and all tastes. Of her many customers, not one has ever said that Reme was not able to satisfy the most fastidious wishes.

**Studio de Luxe:**

A friend of ours, who visited Studio de Luxe, on the fourth floor, Pepper Building, last week, has informed all his acquaintances how pleasantly surprised he was at not only the splendid work done by the Studio, but at the very fair charges they make for their services. He was really the most satisfied of all those who, while wishing to have their portraits taken, yet fight shy of facing a camera. The art of Studio de Luxe, however, was a revelation to him and he was sincere in the tribute he paid to the care, courtesy and attention he received at the Studio de Luxe, which, in his opinion, ranks high with work done by expert photographers in other parts of the world.

**COOKING FRESH PEAS**

WHEN COOKING FRESH PEAS, do not shell them. While they are cooking, the pods burst and float to the top of the water, where they may be easily scooped off. The peas have a better flavour.

**A Lass in Red and Green**



RED AND GREEN feature this flared skirt of black wool, worn by Maureen O'Hara. The Dutch boy pockets are smart and new. The tailored blouse is bright red crepe, her pull-on hat a darker red felt trimmed with a "shaving brush" feather. Handbag and heavy walking shoes are black leather. Maureen is seen against a background of fifteenth century Paris, constructed for the filming of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," showing at the Queen's and Alhambra in which she is Charles Laughton's leading lady.

**Dressing The Young For—THE WORLD OF TO-DAY**

THE TREND TOWARD DUPLICATION, OR AT LEAST IMITATING, ADULT FASHIONS in children's styles, grows apace. Not only are children's costumes more highly styled than formerly, but the every day dresses worn by mothers and even grandmothers, are younger and more casual than they were in the world of yesterday.

So while children's styles advance toward sophistication, ensembles for matrons increasingly effect nonchalance and youthfulness. Thus, travelling in opposite directions, they meet on middle ground.

**Play Cloths:**

Take play clothes, for instance. Young things and their elders alike may wear slacks and shirts to romp in or to pull over their

bathing suits, or dresses made in one with shorts and with separate but harmonized skirts, whose function it is to make the costume suitable for trips in trains or motorcars or for walks through polluted streets.

Among the materials that mothers find require a minimum of servicing, despite rough wear are seersucker, spun rayon, sail cloth, broadcloth, sharkskin, linen crash and poplin. They should be sanforized-shrunk and colorfast. Plaids, checks, stripes and dots are just as popular for youngsters as for grown-ups.

**For Sundays:**

Sundays bring different requirements and so do some afternoons and evenings in the week. For these the same silhouettes appear for all ages, modified, of course, according to the dimensions of the wearers.

The gypsy frock with long, full sleeves and swirling skirt is a favourite. It may be developed in twin prints that supply the contrast top, or stripes may be so worked that they are perpendicular or chevron-wise or diagonal in the skirt and horizontal in the bodice; or a shirtwaist effect may be secured by the use of a different fabric and colour—usually white—for the bodice.

**The Dashing Sash:**

The extremely wide and dashing sash of adult costumes does not appear in the juveniles. Drirdis dramatize themselves with dainty gimpes, apron fronts, and boleros.

Some of the newest boleros are made of chenille and other smart models are of raffia. Princess dresses are effective in slimming the waist and hips of girls who are a little too plump for their height.

Jacket dresses, on the other hand, are excellent for thin, rangy figures, for they cut them in two and give them width by a horizontal line.

**Coat Dresses:**

Coat dresses with flared skirts and that button straight down the front, have an attractive tailored appearance. Developed in pique for children up to 10 years of age, they are now looking and pretty, and can well serve also as coats over frocks.

**Party Dresses:**

Party dresses for youngsters are made with built-up shoulders, short, puffed sleeves, very moderate decolletages, and full skirts. Little jackets may accompany them. Silk, rayon and cotton alpaca and pique are suitable ma-

**Chic No End!**



Very, very French is Jean Parker's cocky new fall ensemble designed for street wear. The fitted jacket, styled with brief, flip peplum, is bright green wool. The circular skirt is black and white shepherd's check. A frill of white lace (designers report that fluffy femininity is a "must" this fall) trims both skirt and jacket. Collar, box hat and satchel bag are green, shoes black. Miss Parker is currently playing the feminine lead in "The Flying Dutchman," starring Laurel and Hardy.

**DISPLAY OF SPRING**

**HATS**

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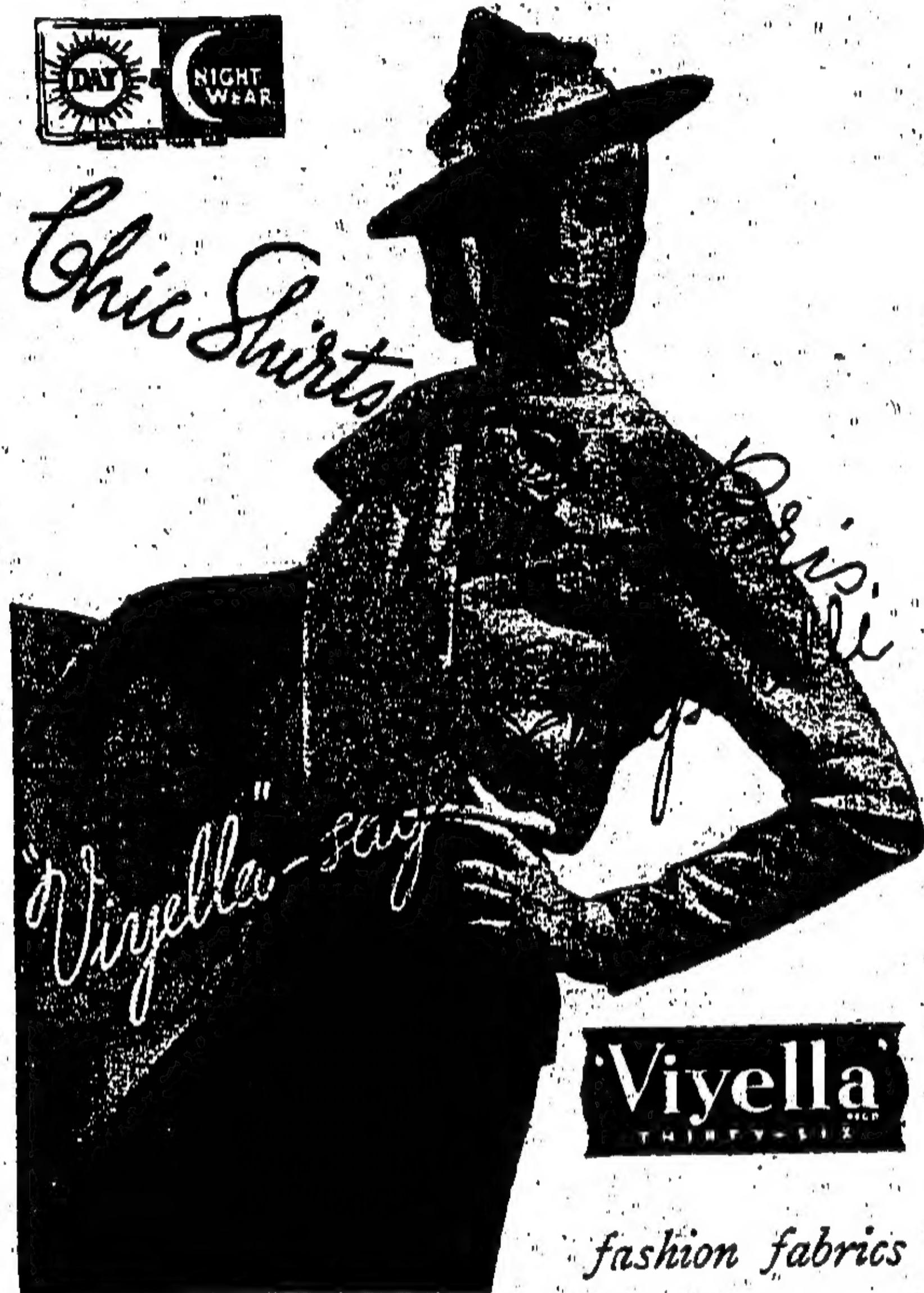
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Wm. Hollins & Co., Ltd., Viyella House, Nottingham, England.

Schiaparelli suggested this snappy shirt with skirt to tone and in 'Viyella' too! Maybe you prefer a fancy design. Schiaparelli has designed the new patterned 'Viyella' too... you must see them... they're just perfect for the new shirtings and skirtings and orthodox day frocks.

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materials and the pastel colours in plain surfaces are dainty and girlish. However, dots, plaids and stripes are in the picture. Ribbon run through beading is a revival of an attractive fashion of day-before-yesterday.

**And Hats:**

Hats are often only brims, tied on, a sensible idea, for the brims supply shade and there is no crown to add warmth and conceal the hair.

Old-fashioned sunbonnets are excellent on the beach and hoods attached to capes are convenient. The peasant kerchief is a good fashion, too. For dress-up broad brims and low crowns predominate—very

**To Launder Coloured Articles**

SALT AND VINEGAR are splendid if you are washing garments with colours that are apt to run.

Add half a handful of the former or a wineglassful of the latter to your water, which must be only tepid if your colours are not "guaranteed fast."

simply trimmed with wreaths of little flowers or ribbon bands and streamers. Straw bags that imitate the shape of the hat can be hung on the girl's wrist.

# LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Feb. 29, 1940.

China Providents	2,000	\$ 5.00
China Providents	1,750	5.00
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China Providents	1,500	5.00
China Lights (O)	400	8.70
China Lights (O)	500	8.60
H.K. Docks	100	23.50
H.K. Docks	400	23.00
H.K. Docks	75	23.00
H.K. Docks	25	23.00
H.K. Docks	100	23.00
H.K. Docks	25	23.00
H.K. Docks	300	23.00
H.K. Docks	100	22.75
H.K. Docks	300	23.00
H.K. Docks	200	68.00
H.K. Docks	200	68.00
H.K. Docks	80	68.15
H.K. Hotels	1,000	5.70
H.K. Lands	200	39.00
H.K. Tramways	100	18.10
Unions Ins.	30	485.00
Yaumati Ferries	380	27.00

The total balance is \$141,449.00.

# Mexican Oil Controversy Developments

## SPLIT IN FOREIGN INTERESTS?

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—According to the newspaper Excelsior, Mexico is preparing to take the first step for a definite solution of the petroleum controversy by paying the Sinclair Petroleum Company indemnity "in immediate form" and in cash.

## RECENT STATEMENT

This announcement follows a recent statement by President Cardenas that "the oil crisis will be solved satisfactorily for Mexico before the end of my term" that is, say within the next eight months.

The amount mentioned as payable to the Sinclair Petroleum Company is \$7,000,000.

Local oil circles make no comment on the announcement, which, if true, would indicate a split in the policy of foreign oil interests involved in expropriation.

## STOCK EXCHANGE: KAFFIRS MOVE UP

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange yesterday, Kaffirs moved up sharply late in the afternoon on the announcement of the South African Government's modification of its gold-mining policy.

Home Rails were firm on Southern's dividend of 1½ per cent on deferred ordinary stock. Gilt-edged recovered after early indecision and elsewhere conditions were mainly steady.

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# H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

There was slightly more activity in the market during the day. Prices, however, were a shade lower than yesterday, with the exception of Hongkong Bank at \$1435 ex Dividend and Union at \$485 business done in both cases.

## BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$1425 x d.  
Canton Ins., \$225.  
Fires Ins., \$185.  
Douglases, \$105.  
Wharves, \$102½.  
Providents, \$4.95.  
Humphreys, \$7½.  
Yaumati Ferries, \$37.  
China Lights (N), \$5.20.  
H.K. Electric, \$87½.  
Sandakan Lights, \$11½.

## SELLERS

Docks, \$23.  
Tramways, \$18½.  
China Lights (N), \$5½.  
H.K. Electric, \$89.  
Telephones (N), \$12.

## SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1475 c.d.  
H.K. Bank, \$1435 x d.  
Union Ins., \$485.  
Docks, \$23.  
Providents, \$5.  
Lands, \$39½/39.  
Realities, \$5.  
Tramways, \$18½.  
China Lights (O), \$8.70/60.  
H.K. Electric, \$88/68½.  
Macao Electric, \$21.80.  
Telephones (O), \$30½/30½.  
Telephones (N), \$11.80.  
Cements, \$19½.  
Watsons, \$9.70.

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# France Asked To Abrogate Trade Treaty With Japan

CHENGDU, Feb. 29 (Central).—Eighty-three prominent leaders in Chengdu have jointly sent a message to M. Daladier, the French Premier, asking him to abrogate the Japanese-French Commercial Treaty as a warning against Japan's bombing of the Yunnan Railway.

They have previously sent a letter to President Roosevelt requesting him not to conclude any new commercial treaty with Japan after the expiration of that of 1911.

tions 10s, North Gammarines 09s, Paracale Gummaus 21½, San Maurice 80s, Surigao Con. 18½, Suyoc Con. 12½, Syndicate Investment 02s, United Paracale 27½, Mindanso Motherlode 10½.

## HEALTHY ECONOMIC SITUATION IN INDO-CHINA

HANOI, Feb. 29 (Havas).—The European war has not disturbed French Indo-China's economic life, figures just released here reveal.

September and October exports averaged 373,000 tons, against 376,000 tons in August. Imports were 58,000 tons against 69,000 in August, but the average for the first eight months in 1939 was 55,000 tons.

Principal exports were coal (160 tons) tons in October and rice and rubber—more than 5,000 tons in October.

The principal countries of destination were French colonies, notably French West and Equatorial Africa, China and Japan and, surprisingly enough, Cuba.

Other economic figures indicate the Colony's healthy situation.

## HEALTHY POSITION

Loaded cars index is going up and coal extraction has increased ten per cent.

Deposits of current accounts increased by one-million piastres and the wholesale index of Indo-Chinese stocks on the Paris Bourse climbed from 51 in August to 58 in November.

Improvement is especially noticeable in the plantation and industrial stocks group, which scored still more important gains in December. Rice and corn quotations were steady.

# LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Feb. 28.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3½ (Red after 1952)	99-5/16
Canton-Exton Rly. 5%	16
Chinese 4½ Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	60
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	50
Chin. 4½ Anglo-French Loan, 1908	50
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	30
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	40
Chinese 6% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	12
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	55
Honan Rly. 5%	18
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911	19
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	17
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	14
Shai-NKing Rly. 5%	20
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	16
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	53
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	56½
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	71
Chartered Bank	9
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	89
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	91
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	13
Chosen Corporation	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/8
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15
Shai Waterworks "A"	13½
Union Insurance	23
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	22/3
Allied Ironfounders	14
Asso. & Elec. Industries	42/10½
Austin Motors, ord.	16/9
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	64
B-A Tob. (bearer)	103/9
Mexican Eagle	12½
Cannell Laird, ord.	8/6
Mexican Eagle	6/4½
Courtaulds	38/1½
Distillers	70/1½
Dunlop Rubber	34/3
Gen. Electric (England)	82/1½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	76/8
Hawker Siddeley Alrc.	14/9
Bristol Aeroplane	18

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## TURKISH COAL INDUSTRY

ISTANBUL, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—The Turkish Government has taken over the entire control of the coal industry and hopes to increase output by 350,000 tons yearly.

## Tin Control Signatories

LONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Prof. Graham Kerr (Con.) asked Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Colonies, if, in view of the proximity of the independent protected state of Sarawak to a British possession in the East and its strategic importance, he will inform the House in regard to the recent deposition of the Rajah Muda and the resignation, some months earlier, of five members of the Civil Service, including the Chief Secretary, Financial Secretary, Chief Justice and Principal Medical Officer.

Mr. MacDonald, in reply, said that the relations of His Majesty's Government with the State of Sarawak were governed by the Agreement of 1888, under which Sarawak was recognised to be an independent sovereign state. In the internal affairs of which His Majesty's Government had no authority to interfere, except for the limited purposes mentioned in the agreement.

In these circumstances, Mr. MacDonald was of the opinion that it would be improper for him to make any comment on the facts referred to in the question.

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS  
FEBRUARY 29 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 13/16	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16	
Credits 4 months sight 1/2 1/8	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand ..... 350	
On Singapore:—	
On demand ..... 52 1/2	
On Japan:—	
On demand ..... 103	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/8	
and demand ..... 1/2 1/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24/16	
Credits, 60 days sight 24/16 1/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand ..... 45 1/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 108 5/8	
Credits 4 months sight 110 40	
On Saigon:—	
On demand ..... 108 1/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand ..... 48 5/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand ..... 150 1/4	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/3 11/16	
Bar Silver per oz. .... 50 7/16	

## Market Report

## FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 7/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady. There was a little general buying. A small business was done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 40 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 39 3/4.

## Market

## Sterling

Business was reported at 1/2, 29/32 for near and 1/2, 7/8 June. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 1/2, 7/8 March/June, buyers, at 1/2, 29/32 March.

## U.S. Dollars

A small transaction was reported at 24 1/2 for Cash. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 24 1/2 March, buyers at 24 1/2 Cash and 24 1/2 March.

## Shanghai Dollars

Were offered at 359 early in the morning resulting in some business at 360. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 362 for Spot.

## Shanghai Market

Sterling opened at 4 1/8 sellers for Spot and closed a shade easier at 4 7/8 for Spot. U.S. Dollars were quoted at the opening at 6 25/32 and closed at noon at 6 3/4 sellers for Spot.

## AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

## Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/2, 7/8 March-June, buyers at 1/2, 29/32 March.

## U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24 7/16 March and 24 1/16 first half May, buyers at 24 9/16 Cash and 24 1/2 March.

## Shanghai Dollars

363 sellers. Shanghai Market 4 1/8 sellers for Sterling and U.S. Dollars 6 25/32.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 29 (Reuter).

## Official T.T. Rates

London	0/4
New York	6-9/16
Japan	27-7/8
India	22-1/8
Paris	29 3/4
Hongkong	26-3/4

## Sellers

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-9/64	0/4-1/8
Feb.	0/4-9/64	0/4-3/64
Mar.	0/4-3/32	0/4
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	56-13/16	56-3/4
Feb.	56-13/16	56-5/8
Mar.	56-23/32	56-1/2

## Market:—Easy

## Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-3/32.  
U.S. Dollars, 56-11/16.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 53-02-0 nominal.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
T.T. on Japan, 80-1/8.

## New York Exchange

New York, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
T.T. on London (Opening Rate).  
3 95-1/4.

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## COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE &amp; CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER	
Previous	Today's
February 28	February 28
Closing	Opening
Buyers	Buyers
37-3/4	37-5/8
35-7/8	35-3/4
34-1/2	34-3/8
	34-3/4

The market was steady but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	
Previous	Today's
February 28	February 28
Closing	Opening
Buyers	Buyers
12-13/16	12-5/8
12-7/16	12-3/16
11-15/16	11-13/16
11-5/16	11-3/16
	10-15/16

The market was dull and featureless in the absence of demand.

NEW YORK COTTON: The market showed remarkable absorptive powers. Southern selling and realizing was quite active but offerings were largely taken at the decline.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Optimistic estimates on automobile sales stimulated general buying and covering which absorbed heavy March liquidation. The market is broadening.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Reports of heavy exports of Manitoba wheat and the absence of moisture in the South-West stimulated a new of buying which found limited offerings.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 148.18; Today's close, 148.58; Change, up 38.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev.	Today's	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	11.15	11.10	11.13	11.10	.03 off
New York Rubber, Mar.	18.15	18.00	18.10	18.15	.05 up
Chicago Wheat, May	103 1/2	102 1/2	102	103 1/2	1 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	57	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, Mar.	13.73	13.60	13.61	13.64 N	.03 up

Total sales Tuesday's 131,900 bales.  
Last notice day for March cotton:—15/3/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER	
March	18.10/10
May	17.95/98
July	17.80b/83a
September	17.77/77
December	17.60 N

Total Sales:—4,110 tons.

First notice day for March rubber:—28/2/40 last trading day:—27/3/40.

CHICAGO WHEAT	
May	102 1/2/102 1/2
July	102 1/2/102 1/2
September	101 1/2/101 1/2

Tuesday's sales:—31,397,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN	
May	56 1/2/56 1/2
July	56 1/2/56 1/2
September	56 1/2/56 1/2

WINNIPEG WHEAT	
May	88 1/2/88 1/2
July	89 1/2/89 1/2
September	89 1/2/89 1/2

NEW YORK HIDES	
March	13.61/61
June	13.50/81
September	14.20/20

Last trading day for March hides:—24/3/40.

New York Official 34-3/4  
NY-London Cross Rate 3.95-3/8

## SILVER MARKET

## LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
Silver: Market quietly steady, with little general buying but few offerings. Business small. In the afternoon, after small business at 1/16 over, the market closed steady with buyers at the rate and sellers reserved.

## Spot, 20-7/16d.

## Forward, 20-7/16d.

## NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
Silver: Official, 34-3/4.

## BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
Market:—Steady. Offtake 100 bars.

## Indian Mint Silver

Ready: 58-07  
Mar. 4 Settlement: 57-12  
Apr. 3 Settlement: 57-15

## LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168.

## LONDON METALS

## EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
buyers sellers  
TIN 2 2  
Standard, Cash 252 252-1/4  
Standard, 3 months 252 252-1/4  
Standard, Settlement Price 252-1/4  
Straits 277-1/4

## RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Feb. 28 (Reuter).  
Feb. 14 Feb. 21

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department): 25,486 25,486  
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India: 5,860 5,829  
Gold Coin and Bullion in India: 4,154 4,154  
Securities (Indian Government): 3,835 3,835  
Securities (British Government): 11,350 11,350

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Feb. 28	Feb. 28	Feb. 28	Feb. 28
Adams Express	7 1/4	Kennecott Copper	37 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2	Lakey Foundry & Mac.	4 1/2
Allied Stores	8 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	50 1/2
Allis Chalmers	36 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	30 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	10 1/2	Loew's Inc.	35 1/2
Amer. Can.	11 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	24 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	38 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	40 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	23 1/2
Amer. Foreign \$7 pf.	24 1/2	Montano Chemical	107 1/2
American Gas & Elec.	34 1/2	Montgomery Ward	54
Amer. Locomotive	19	National Aviation	11 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	24	Nat. Dairy Products	17 1/2
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2	Nat. Distillers	24 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	National Gypsum	11 1/2
Amer. Sling and Ring Co.	48 1/2	National Lead	21 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	21 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2	National Steel Corp.	67 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	89 1/2	National Supply Corp.	63
Amer. Waterworks	87 1/2	New York Central	16 1/2
Anaconda Copper	29 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2
Atchafalaya, T. & S. Fe.	23	N. American Aviation	24 1/2
Auburn Motors	12	North American Co.	21 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	5 1/2	North Pacific	8 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	60 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	10 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	34 1/2
Bendix Aviation	31 1/2	Pacific Lighting	47 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	73 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bliss & Co.	13 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	23 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Borg-Warner	22 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	38
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	10 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	7 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	20 1/2	Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	42 1/2
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	84 1/2	Pullman Inc.	28 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	5 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Case, J.I.	66 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2
Celanese	28 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	15 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Reading Company, 1st pfd.	25 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	83 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	37 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	52 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	79 1/2	Republic Steel	20 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6 1/2	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	12 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	88 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	41 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	4 1/2	Richfield Oil	7 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	46 1/2	Safeway Stores	49 1/2
Consolidated Edison	31 1/2	Schenley Distillers	12 1/2
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Sears Roebuck	84 1/2
Continental Can	46 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11
Continental Oil	20 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Southern Pacific	12 1/2
Corn Products	6 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	28 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	103	Sperry	44 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	29	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	24
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19 1/2	Stand. Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	83	Standard Oil of California	23 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	184 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	43 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Stone & Webster	104
Eaton Mfg. Co.	31	Studebaker Com.	11 1/2
Elec. Autolite	38 1/2	Swift International	15 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	6 1/2	Technicolor	44 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	75 1/2	Texas Corp.	14 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	67 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	14 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	29 1/2	Timken-Axle	22
Fisk Rubber	15 1/2	Trans-America Co.	5 1/2
Flintkote	19 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	11 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2	20th Cent. Fox \$1 pf.	23 1/2
Gen. Electric	37 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	32 1/2
Gen. Motors	52 1/2	Union Pacific	94 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	17	United Aircraft	47 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	20 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2
Gillette Co.	17 1/2	United Corp.	41
Goodrich (B.F.)	19 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	14
Goodrich \$5 pf.	88 1/2	United Gas Corp.	1 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	23 1/2	United Gas Improvement	14 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	23 1/2	U.S. Rubber	36
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	112 1/2
Grayhound Corp.	18 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	88 1/2	Vanadium	34 1/2
Hormestake Mining	53 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
International Harvester	55 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	112 1/2
Int. Nickel	36 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	24 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	3 1/2	Woodward Iron Oor.	24 1/2
Johns-Manville	70	Chas. National Bank	—
J. & Laughlin Steel \$7 pfd.	58 1/2	National City Bank	—

## DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939/40		Feb. 29, 1940	
High	Low	High	Low
158.92	151.41	148.17	148.07
36.90	34.14	30.63	30.61
37.70	30.70	24.50	24.95
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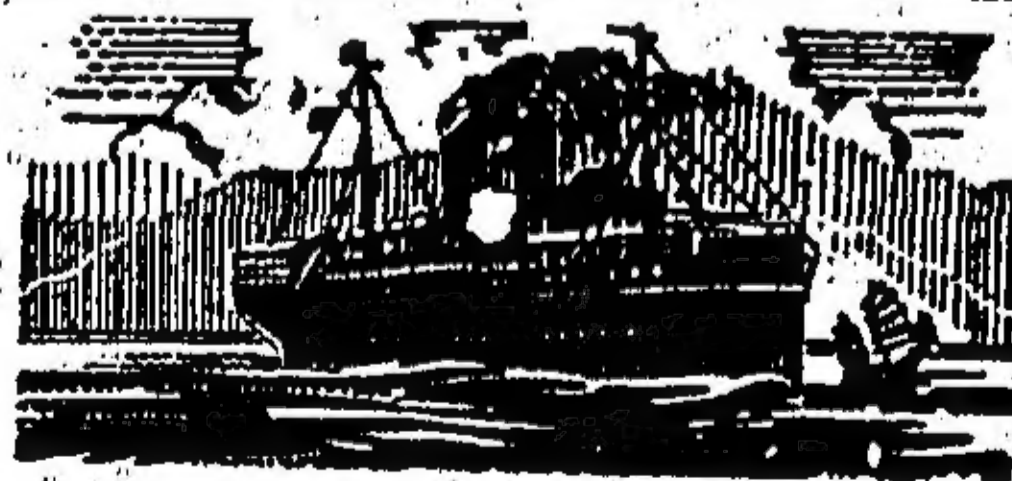
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## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Feb. 29

Barometer (at sea level), 30.07 ins.  
Temperature, 83 F.  
Humidity, 94 per cent.  
Wind Direction, E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Temperature: maximum yesterday 73 F.

Forecast for tomorrow, 6.45 a.m., 4 p.m., Feb. 29.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today 0.92 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st 1.25 ins.

Against an average of .403 ins.

Sunrise tonight 6.27 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.45 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 29.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.99 ins.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 86 per cent.

Wind Direction E/S

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 68 F.

Minimum temperature, 61 F.

Rainfall, 0.01

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 1 to 7 Mar 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	1	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		03 10	4 4	07 25	3 2
		14 42	6 0	21 10	3 5
Sat.	2	04 52	4 0	08 03	3 6
		15 57	6 0	23 50	3 3
Sun.	3	06 45	4 0	09 19	3 9
		17 10	6 1		
Mon.	4	08 00	4 3	09 50	2 0
		18 25	6 2	11 15	4 0
Tues.	5	09 35	4 5	01 35	1 8
		19 21	6 4	12 29	3 8
Wed.	6	09 04	4 6	03 06	1 6
		20 09	6 5	13 24	3 4
Thur.	7	09 29	4 9	02 38	1 5
		20 50	6 5	14 09	3 0

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Agent.

Hong Kong, 1939.

## Two New Motorships Being Built For The Klaveness Line

Two new motorships are now being constructed in Norway for the Klaveness Line, the first of which is expected to go into service between Pacific Coast ports and the Orient at the end of this year and the second one at the beginning of 1941.

The vessels, which are so far unnamed, have been designed especially for the Trans-Pacific trade, and their principal dimensions are as follows:—Length over all, 468 feet; Beam, 59 feet; Depth, 29½ feet; Twin screw Sulzer diesel engines; Total horse-power, 8,300; Sea-speed fully loaded, 16 knots.

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Captain Olaf Carlsson, who has commanded the Cornville since the inception of the service ten years ago, will be the master of the first of the new vessels.

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The Prime Minister has set up a Committee to consider how best the services of voluntary bodies can be used to deal with social problems that have arisen, or may arise, as a result of the war (Reuter).

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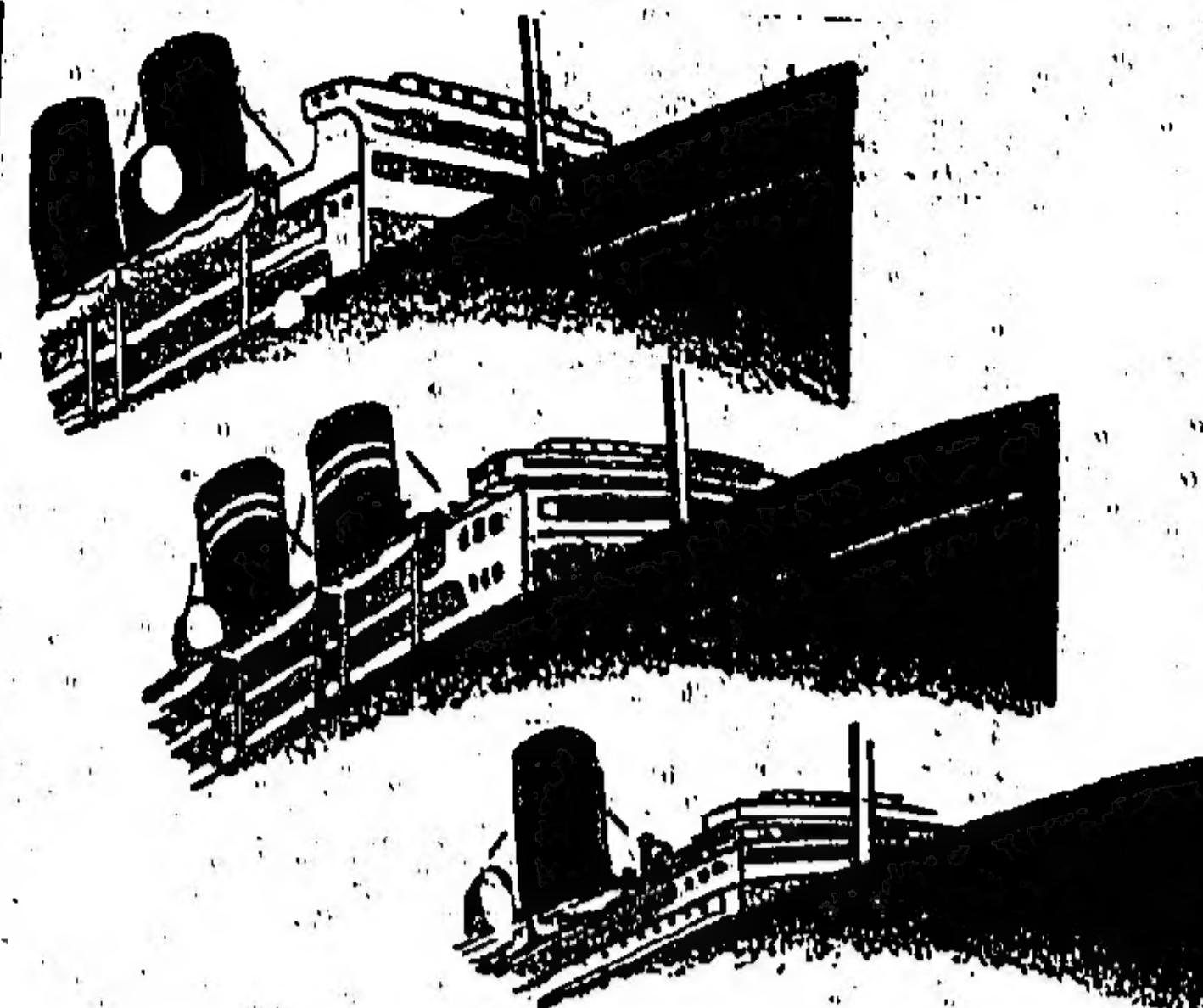
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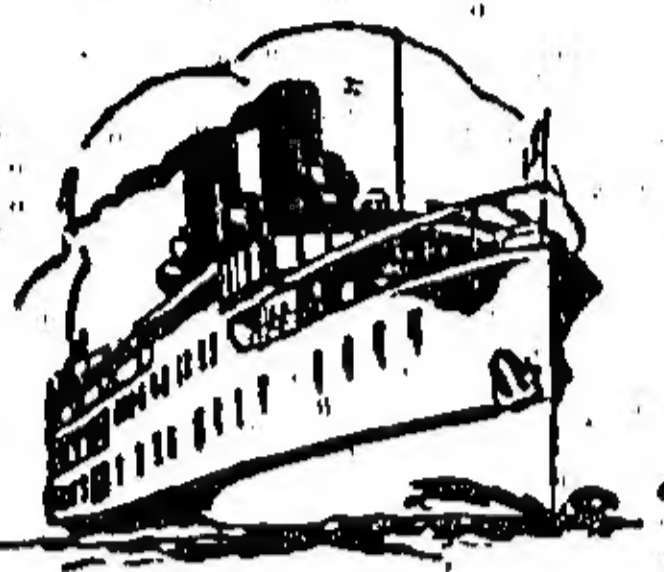
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MUCH ENTHUSIASM EVINCED  
IN 'VARSITY ATHLETIC MEET"LAID DOWN  
TO DIE"DRAMATIC RESCUE  
AT SEALONDON, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—  
Homeward bound from the Far  
East, the British steamer Glenorchy  
passed through a large patch  
of oil floating on the water and  
half an hour later her Captain,  
William Christie, sighted an open  
boat, about eighty miles from the  
Spanish coast, showing no sign  
of life.

## CAME TO LIFE

The Glenorchy circled round  
and sounded her whistle, where-  
upon, Capt. Christie said, "the  
boat came to life with heads and  
waving arms."It contained the Captain, Chief  
Engineer and eleven men of the  
Dutch motor-tanker Denhaag,  
who were exhausted and starving  
and who, after drifting for four  
days, had laid down to die.Nothing is known of the fate  
of twenty-six other members of  
the Denhaag who took to two of the  
other boats.BADMINTON  
TITLESIn the Men's senior singles Bad-  
minton Championship, at King's  
College last evening, H. F. Chew  
beat S. C. Chung 6-15, 15-9, 13-15;  
K. L. Yong beat H. M. Lau 15-8,  
15-5; and H. Eardley beat H. T. Ho  
15-5, 15-2.Junior Championship matches  
played at the Tai Kok Recreation  
Club last night resulted as follows:  
N. L. Smith beat P. Lo 15-2, 15-2;  
L. Lui beat A. Ho 15-4, 15-6; W.  
Gillies beat J. L. Anderson 13-15,  
15-11, 15-8.Compulsory Saving During  
War: Well-Known Economist's  
Plan To Counteract SlumpsLONDON Feb. 29 (Reuter).—A scheme for compulsory saving during  
the war, which was recently propounded by the well-known  
economist, Mr. W. M. Keynes, came within the Parliamentary orbit  
last night when Mr. Keynes addressed 250 Commons of all parties.  
Mr. Keynes argued that the rising proportion in all wages over  
a certain minimum figure should be compulsorily invested until the  
end of the war, when repayments would increase the purchasing  
power and tend to counteract trade depression.A family allowance should be  
granted, amounting to five  
shillings weekly for every child  
under fifteen years and a  
capital levy be imposed after  
the war.Mr. Keynes has arranged to  
meet the Commons again for  
further discussion.

## LORDS' INTEREST

Mr. Keynes' scheme was also  
mentioned in the House of Lords,  
who were debating national  
economics.Lord Hankey, replying to the de-  
bate, said Mr. Keynes' plan for de-  
ferred pay have not been rejected  
by the Government. He intimated  
that before adopting compulsion,  
the Government must see whether  
loans could not be obtained volun-  
tarily and quoted figures showing  
that there had been a reduction in  
civilian buying.As the war effort developed there  
would have to be greater curtail-  
ment of civilian consumption.Lord Stamer declared that such  
retrenchment in civilian buying  
was possible before the nation, as  
a whole, had to live on a lower  
standard than in 1914.Secretary-General of the Execu-  
tive Yuan, the report adds.It is rumoured that Dr. Chu will  
shortly be appointed Mayor of  
Greater Shanghai and that Ting  
Mo-chun, Minister for Social Af-  
fairs, will be appointed concur-  
rently Mayor of Nanking, the re-  
port concludes.Personnel Of  
Wang's Puppet  
Government"UNITED FRONT"  
OF TRAITORSSHANGHAI, Feb. 29 (Reuter).—  
The new Wang Ching-wei  
regime will be formally es-  
tablished in Nanking on Mar.  
10 and will comprise five  
Yuan, and fourteen Minis-  
tries, says the Ta Mei Pao.

## THE PERSONNEL

The personnel of the Govern-  
ment, says the paper, will consist  
of the following:Wang Ching-wei—President of  
the Executive Yuan;Liang Hung-chi—President of  
the Legislative Yuan;Chen Kung-po—President of the  
Judicial Yuan;Wan Gi-tang—President of the  
Examination Yuan;Wen Tsung-yao—President of  
the Control Yuan;Liu Yu-fen—Director of the  
Military Council;Chen Chun—Minister of the  
Interior;

Jen Yuan-tao—Minister of War;

Chow Fu-hai—Minister of  
Finance;Loi Ting-mei—Minister of Jus-  
tice;Chao Hou-sheng—Minister of  
Education;Chao Shu-yung—Minister of  
Commerce and Industry;Chu Ching-lai—Minister of Com-  
munications;

P. S. Lin—Minister of Publicity;

Mei Sze-ping—Minister of Rail-  
ways;Chen Chun-pu—Minister for  
Overseas Affairs;Miao Tseng Ching—Minister of  
Health;Wang Man-yun—Minister of  
Agriculture and Mining;Wang Ching-wei—Concurrently  
Minister for Foreign Affairs;

Dr. Chu Min-yi will fill the post of

Programme Of Heats For  
This Afternoon

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

Much enthusiasm has been aroused in Hongkong University sport-  
ing circles, with the advent of the 25th annual athletic meet, which  
is to take place on Saturday, March 3, at 1.30 p.m. at the University  
Pavilion, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor.This afternoon at 3 o'clock will witness the commencement of  
the heats at the University Pavilion, in which all but the best  
athletes will be eliminated for the finals.Besides striving for the Athle-  
tic Sports Challenge Cup of the  
Inter-Hostel Championship which  
has been fought for annually since  
1916, all the undergraduates parti-  
cipating in the track and field  
events are eligible to thirteen  
other challenge cups.Much speculation is rife as to  
who will win the Sir Charles Elliot  
Challenge Cup for the Individual  
Championship.The following is the programme  
of events for today—100 Yard Dash; Shot Put; Long  
Jump; Tug-of-War; 200 Yards  
Low Hurdles; 10,000 metres  
(Pinal).

Entrants for the 100 Yard Dash

Heats are as follows:—

K. C. Wong, K. C. Ko, S. P. Lee,  
C. U. Ip, N. Singh, K. M. Au, C.  
C. Chen, P. H. Lum, J. Fenton, V.  
Zaitzeff; T. T. Chin, S. L. Lee, M.  
W. Wang, B. Henkin, A. Ostroum-  
off, S. N. To.

Entrants for the 200 Yards Low

Hurdles Heats:—

K. M. Hu, K. C. Ko, H. T. Tan,  
J. Fenton, H. F. Chu, S. Mahmood;  
Y. S. Lam, S. L. Lee, T. T. Chin,  
S. L. Yu, S. P. Lee.

Tug-of-War:—Lugard Hall, bye;

Rioli Hall v. Eliot Hall; Morrison  
Hall v. St. John's Hostel.Further heats and several finals  
will be run on Monday and Wed-  
nesday, March 4 and 6, respec-  
tively, at the Pavilion at 3 p.m.  
sharp.DR. J. BEECH  
RETURNS TO  
AMERICA

CHENGITU, Feb. 29 (Central).—

Dr. Joseph Beech, American mis-  
sionary and founder and former  
President of the West China  
Union University, who was com-  
mended by a National Govern-  
ment mandate on February 26 for  
his service to China will return to  
America in the middle of March.

## FAREWELL PARTY

Local educational circles are  
making preparations to give a big  
farewell party in honour of his  
departure.Dr. Beech is 73 years old. He  
came to China in his middle age  
to engage in missionary and  
educational work. He retired and  
returned to America in 1934. In  
view of Japan's destruction of  
China's cultural and educational  
institutions since the outbreak of  
the war he decided to come to  
China again to do what he could  
to help China along cultural and  
educational lines. After a hazard-  
ous journey, he reached Chengtu  
where he helped to expand the  
West China Union University.H.K.U. CRICKET  
TEAMSThe following have been select-  
ed to represent the Hongkong  
University 1st XI in a League  
cricket match against the Civil  
Service Cricket Club at Happy  
Valley tomorrow at 2 p.m. sharp:—  
W. S. Gegg, K. S. Oh, R. S. Gill,  
C. N. Matthews, K. Y. Tam, G.  
Hong Choy, N. C. Sen, Gupta, V.  
Linsam, S. Mahmood, T. T. Chin,  
J. Tsui.The following have been chosen  
to represent the Hongkong Uni-  
versity 2nd XI against the Hong-  
kong Cricket Club on Saturday at  
2 p.m.:—L. H. Tan, R. M. Soares,  
W. Abraham, J. Fenton, K. Lo, N.  
Singh, Ameralli, L. E. Gutierrez, O.  
V. Cheung, C. W. Hood, H. T. Tang,  
Reserve:—T. B. Teoh.WIN FOR U.S.S.  
MINDANAOAt the Hongkong Bowling Alleys  
last night, a friendly five-game  
Ten Pins match was played be-  
tween an Alley team and the  
U.S.S. Mindanao, the latter win-  
ning by 88 points. The final  
scores were 3012 and 3100 respec-  
tively.The teams were:  
Alley team:—J. H. Watts, J. S.  
Landolt, G. Somerville, J. R. Faw-  
cett and A. Devonshire.  
U.S.S. Mindanao:—D. M. Kep-  
linger, F. P. Hollis, J. R. Todd and  
J. C. Thomas.In the Alley team, A. Devonshire  
played in one game while the re-  
maining four were played by J. R.  
Fawcett.The H.K.F. Referees' Association  
will hold a dance at the Hotel  
Cecil on Friday, March 22, com-  
mencing from 8.30 p.m. A Band  
will be in attendance for the  
evening and refreshments will be  
provided. The charges will be \$1.50  
for gentlemen and \$1 for ladies.  
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sented. A very enjoyable evening  
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## ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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(Roberto Alexandre, of "Beau Sejour," 123  
Argyle Street, Kowloon, General  
Medical Practitioner).2. RODRIGUES  
(Alberto Maria, of 126 Waterloo Road,  
Kowloon, General Medical  
Practitioner).Facsimile of a ballot paper used in yesterday's election—the above  
is how 407 people voted.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 1st MARCH, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

The Public are requested to note particularly the time of closing  
the Imperial Air Mail on Tuesday, the 6th March, 1940.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Japan and Shanghai	1st Mar.
Shanghai	1st Mar.
Saigon	1st Mar.
Shanghai	1st Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	1st Mar.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C. date, 10th February)	1st Mar.
Haiphong	2nd Mar.
Manila	2nd Mar.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	2nd Mar.
Shanghai	2nd Mar.
Haiphong, Holhow & Fort Bayard	2nd Mar.
Egypt and Straits	2nd Mar.
Shanghai	2nd Mar.
Sandakan	2nd Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"— London date, 24th February	3rd Mar.
Manila	3rd Mar.
Shanghai	3rd Mar.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 31st Jan.)	3rd Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	3rd Mar.
Bangkok and Saigon	3rd Mar.
Calcutta and Straits	3rd Mar.
Japan	3rd Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	3rd Mar.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th January)	4th Mar.
Haiphong	4th Mar.
Japan	4th Mar.
Straits and Saigon	4th Mar.
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 25th January)	5th Mar.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Fran- cisco date, 8th February)	5th Mar.
Straits and Manila	5th Mar.
Java and Manila	5th Mar.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 23rd February	6th Mar.
Canton	6th Mar.
Shanghai	6th Mar.
Shanghai	6th Mar.
Tientsin	6th Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"— London date, 28th February	7th Mar.
Air Mail by "Pan American Air-ways Direct Ser- vice"—San Francisco date, 24th February	7th Mar.
Straits and Manila	8th Mar.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	8th Mar.
Shanghai	8th Mar.
Japan	8th Mar.
Sandakan	8th Mar.

## OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Date and Time
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fri. Mar. 1st</b>
Canton	7.15 AM
Parcels only for Straits, Ceylon and Egypt	8.30 AM
	<b>G.P.O. &amp; K.P.O.</b>
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd March	Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Bangkok	3.00 PM
Shanghai	3.30 PM
Manila	7.00 PM
Bangkok	7.00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sat. 2nd</b>
Straits, Ceylon, India and London Parcels — due London 9th April	<b>G.P.O. &amp; K.P.O.</b> Par. 1st 5.00 PM Reg. 1st 5.00 PM Ord. 2nd 8.30 AM
Haiphong	10.00 AM
Fort Bayard	2.30 PM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
Japan	3.30 PM
	<b>G.P.O. &amp; K.P.O.</b>
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"— due London 10th March	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sun. 3rd</b>
Tientsin (Parcels only)	9.00 AM
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mon. 4th</b>
Haiphong	1.00 PM
Straits (Parcels only)	1.30 PM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco- Marques, East and South Africa	2.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Tue. 5th</b>
Saigon and Bangkok	8.30 AM
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
	<b>G.P.O. &amp; K.P.O.</b>
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane 22nd March	Par. 4th 5.00 PM Reg. 5th 8.45 AM Ord. 5th 8.30 AM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"— due London, 13th March	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
	<b>K.P.O.</b>
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Ord.	5.30 PM
	<b>G.P.O.</b>
Air Mail for Malays, Java and Australia by "Im- perial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 11th March	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wed. 6th</b>
Straits	8.30 AM
Manila	10.30 AM

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